



**CAMBRIDGESHIRE
& PETERBOROUGH**
COMBINED AUTHORITY

Agenda Item No: 2.6

Transforming Cities Fund

To:	Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Combined Authority Transport and Infrastructure Committee
Meeting Date:	8 September 2021
Public report:	Yes
Lead Member:	Mayor Dr Nik Johnson
From:	Rowland Potter Head of Transport
Key decision:	No
Forward Plan ref:	Not Applicable
Recommendations:	The Transport and Infrastructure Committee is recommended to: Note the contents of this report
Voting arrangements:	Note only item, no vote required.

1. Purpose

- 1.1 This report informs the committee that a reprofiling exercise is being undertaken as part of the Medium Term Financial Plan (MTFP) and Project Prioritisation exercise across the current portfolio of projects.
- 1.2 The outcomes of this review is expected to identify efficiencies that will be presented at a future board for consideration of reprofiling spend across the following areas as a principle for the delivery of capital schemes prior to 31 March 2023 to include:
 - Active travel schemes for improved cycling and walking
 - Purchase of alternative fuel vehicles and supporting infrastructure to support the recommendation by the Climate Change commission for all bus fleet to be alternative fuel buses by 2030.
 - Highway infrastructure improvements to support improved passenger transport journey times and journey time reliability, locations identified within our current Bus Services Improvement Plan (BSIP) work.

2. Background

- 2.1 Transforming Cities Funding has been provided to the Combined authority to be used as part of its single pot funding and as such there is greater opportunity of use of these funds as opposed the rules associated with normal Transforming Cities Fund applications.
- 2.2 The Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Combined Authority officers are in regular contact with the Transforming Cities Fund team at the Department for Transport and have worked closely in recent years to improve governance reporting, analysis and evaluation and in the past year have taken an active role in the national review of Transforming Cities Fund audit and evaluation independently undertaken on behalf of the Department for Transport which will proceed for some time after the 31 March 2023 spend date.
- 2.3 Some members of this committee previously indicated that the original list of projects was too highways biased and it is with this in mind that this report proposes the use of any identifiable efficiencies on more active travel projects and passenger transport initiatives, in line with the LTP refresh following the pandemic impact, with the intention of quick studies, to deliver value for money outcomes against capital spend by 31 March 2023.

3. Financial Implications

- 3.1 The MTFP is currently under review alongside a project prioritisation exercise, and it is anticipated that efficiencies will be found within the Transforming Cities element of the Single Pot funding.
- 3.2 The proposed spend of any identified efficiencies is within our single pot and transforming cities fund guidelines and complies with our constitution and assurance framework.

4. Legal Implications

4.1 No significant legal implications.

5. Other Significant Implications

5.1 None at this time

6. Appendices

6.1 None

7. Background Papers

[Transforming Cities Fund Paper T&I Committee sept 2020](#)
[Transforming Cities Fund Plan 2020/21](#)

7.1 Document title, web link or address where it can be obtained:

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