



**CAMBRIDGESHIRE  
& PETERBOROUGH**  
COMBINED AUTHORITY

Agenda Item No: 3.2

## Capability Fund 2021/22 Grant Award

To: Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Combined Authority Board

Meeting Date: 24 November 2021

Public report: Yes

Lead Member: Mayor Dr Nik Johnson

From: Rowland Potter Head of Transport

Key decision: Yes

Forward Plan ref: KD2021/066

Recommendations: The Combined Authority Board is recommended to:

Approve the release of the Capability Fund grant from Department for Transport (DfT) to Peterborough City Council and Cambridgeshire County Council, as set out in Paragraph 3.1, to deliver against the bid the Combined Authority submitted in April 2021.

Voting arrangements: A vote in favour by at least two thirds of all Members (or their Substitute Members) appointed by the Constituent Councils present and voting, to include the Members appointed by Cambridgeshire County Council or Peterborough City Council, or their Substitute Members.

Any vote in favour must include the vote of the Mayor, or the Deputy Mayor acting in place of the Mayor, to be carried.

# 1. Purpose

- 1.1 This paper is to advise the Board of the successful submission to the Department for Transport (DfT) Walking and Cycling team for funding from the Capability Fund to provide a continuation of active travel measures across the Cambridgeshire and Peterborough region.
- 1.2 To seek approval to transfer funds to Peterborough City Council and Cambridgeshire County Council in accordance with department for Transport allocation notice in background paper 7.2

# 2. Background

2.1 Earlier this year the Combined Authority made a submission to the DfT on behalf of Peterborough City Council and Cambridgeshire County Council to request funding to deliver activities related to active travel improvements across the region these include:

Peterborough City Council	Cambridgeshire County council
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Peterborough - Bike It               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Child cycle training</li> <li>○ Adult cycle training</li> <li>○ Cycle maintenance training</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Workplace travel planning</li> <li>• School travel planning</li> <li>• Peterborough Sustainability and Transformation Plan (STP) &amp; Modeshift</li> <li>• Personalised travel planning</li> <li>• Workplace travel challenge</li> <li>• School travel challenge</li> <li>• Led walks</li> <li>• Led cycles</li> <li>• Cycle security measures</li> <li>• Community active travel events</li> <li>• Active travel marketing/ comms activities</li> <li>• School streets</li> <li>• Scheme planning</li> <li>• Network design</li> <li>• Scheme design</li> <li>• Public engagement/ consultation</li> <li>• Data &amp; evidence collection/ modelling/ research</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Workplace travel planning</li> <li>• School travel planning</li> <li>• School travel challenge</li> <li>• Active travel marketing/ comms activities</li> <li>• Update Cycle Maps</li> <li>• Scheme planning</li> <li>• Scheme design</li> <li>• Data &amp; evidence collection/ modelling/ research</li> <li>• Fenland to Peterborough National Cycle Network 63</li> </ul>

2.2 There was some uncertainty as to the future funding provision to Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Combined Authority for active travel measures earlier in the year, following decisions taken by Peterborough City Council and Cambridgeshire County Council to remove interim solutions at Crescent Bridge, Peterborough and Mill Road, Cambridge.

- 2.3 A commitment was made by the Mayor and the combined authority, following a meeting with the Minister responsible, to work closely with our partners, to monitor closely the delivery of historic, current and future Active Travel and Capability Fund activities. To ensure compliance against not only the detail of the funding criteria but also the spirit.
- 2.4 A commitment has also been made to work closely with both Peterborough City Council and Cambridgeshire County Council in regard to the reinstatement or alternative permanent solutions following the decisions by each to remove interim measures at Crescent Bridge Peterborough and Mill Road Cambridge.
- 2.5 As a result, the Combined Authority has engaged with Sustrans to assist in the assessments of Active Travel Fund delivery to date and how we can then maximise opportunities collectively going forward.
- 2.6 These funds enable the continued work to deliver opportunities to promote healthier living through physical activity which fits our agenda for encouraging people to consider alternatives to their car where possible, fulfilling our commitment to the climate change and public health agendas.

### 3. Financial Implications

- 3.1 The grant award is for the sum of £558,268 which is divided between the two Local Highways Authorities as a percentage share based on the submission made by each Authority:
- Peterborough City Council £299,329
  - Cambridgeshire County Council £258,939

### 4. Legal Implications

- 4.1 No significant legal implications.

### 5. Other Significant Implications

- 5.1 None

### 6. Appendices

- 6.1 None

### 7. Background Papers

- 7.1 [Capability Fund Award Letter \(signatures redacted\)](#)
- 7.2 [Department for Transport Awards](#)