

DECISION-MAKER:	CABINET COUNCIL
SUBJECT:	ENVIRONMENT AND TRANSPORT CAPITAL PROGRAMME 2013/14 - APPROVAL TO SPEND
DATE OF DECISION:	19 MARCH 2013 20 MARCH 2013
REPORT OF:	CABINET MEMBER FOR ENVIRONMENT AND TRANSPORT

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STATEMENT OF CONFIDENTIALITY
Not applicable.

BRIEF SUMMARY

This report seeks approval to spend and provides details of the Environment and Transport Capital Programme in 2013/14.

The report seeks approval to variations to the Environment and Transport Capital Programme agreed at Council on 13th February 2013.

The report seeks approval to an addition of £5,309,000 to the Environment and Transport Capital Programme for the *Platform for Prosperity* scheme.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

CABINET

- (i) To approve capital variations, totalling £260,000 in 2013/14, to the Environment and Transport Capital Programme agreed at Council on 13th February 2013, as detailed in Appendix 4;
- (ii) To approve the addition of £293,000 to the Environment and Transport Capital Programme towards the legible bus networks project, to be funded from S106 developer contributions, as detailed in Appendix 4;
- (iii) To approve the addition of £510,000 to the Environment and Transport Capital Programme towards the unclassified roads scheme, to be funded from additional Local Transport Plan (LTP) Government Grant (£310,000) and Revenue funding (£200,000), as detailed in Appendix 4;

- (iv) To approve, in accordance with Financial Procedure Rules, capital expenditure of £7,706,000 in 2013/14 as detailed in Appendix 2, from the total Environment and Transport Capital Programme of £14,498,000 (excluding the *Platform for Prosperity* scheme); and
- (v) To note the detail of the projects within the Environment and Capital Programme for 2013/14 to be approved by this report, as set out in Appendix 3, including the completion of the major scheme to resurface Redbridge Roundabout.

COUNCIL

- (i) To accept, subject to due diligence, the additional award of £5,309,000 of Regional Growth Fund (RGF) capital funding from Department for Business, Innovation and Skills (BIS) towards the *Platform for Prosperity* scheme. Acceptance would bring the total RGF award for this scheme to £10,904,000;
- (ii) To add an additional £5,309,000 to the Environment and Transport Capital Programme for the *Platform for Prosperity* scheme, funded by the RGF Government grant. This will bring the total budget for the *Platform for Prosperity* scheme to £12,349,000, to be funded by £10,904,000 from the RGF and £1,445,000 from the Council, as detailed in Appendix 5;
- (iii) To approve, in accordance with Financial Procedure Rules, capital expenditure for the revised total scheme of £12,349,000, which will now be phased £61,000 in 2011/12, £1,474,000 in 2012/13, £6,640,000 in 2013/14, £3,573,000 in 2014/15 and £601,000 in 2015/16;
- (iv) To note that Associated British Ports (ABP) is to increase its contribution to the complementary works to the *Platform for Prosperity* scheme within the port from £1,000,000 to £1,750,000; and
- (v) To note that there is a slight increase in the contractual obligation on the Council from BIS for the *Platform for Prosperity* scheme in the requirement to demonstrate job increases and potential claw back of monies, as detailed in Appendix 6.

REASONS FOR REPORT RECOMMENDATIONS

1. Financial Procedure Rules require that approval to spend is secured to enable the delivery of the Council's Capital Programme each year.
2. The details of the projects are included to provide Members with relevant information.
3. To amend the funding allocations in response to the latest Transport Asset Management priorities for road surfacing projects.

ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED AND REJECTED

4. The proposed programme is fully funded and is based on available funding levels.

5. A smaller programme than that proposed would undermine the essential support for the ongoing development of the City, fail to meet the objectives set out in the Local Transport Plan (LTP3), or deliver any noticeable improvement in the basic highway infrastructure.

DETAIL (Including consultation carried out)

6. The Environment and Transport Capital Programme for 2012/13 included the delivery of a number of high profile highway infrastructure schemes such as:
 - Detailed design and programming of Redbridge Roundabout planned maintenance project.
 - Commencement of detailed design for Platform to Prosperity Scheme.
 - Delivery of approximately 6 miles of surface treatment including roads in The Avenue, Stoneham Way and Bitterne Road West.
 - Delivery of approximately 8 miles of footway surface treatment including The Avenue, and pavements off Paynes Road.
 - Carriageway surfacing in Kendal Avenue, Above Bar Street / Poundtree Road and Lordswood Road.
7. The Council is continuing to invest in the highway and public realm infrastructure of the City to help offset the continuing deterioration of the City's roads and footways.
8. The Transport Asset Management Plan (TAMP) and Local Transport Plan (LTP3) have provided the priority for highways spend and the supporting transportation policies. Individual consultation will be undertaken on each project using the agreed consultation strategy.
9. Appendix 3 shows a list of road surfacing projects and details of other non roads schemes that will be carried out this year.
10. An additional £293,000 of S106 funds from developer contributions is to be added to the legible bus network project which will go towards improving every bus stop in the City, including upgrading bus stop poles flags and timetable displays. This will assist with delivering modal shift by improving this visible infrastructure.
11. An additional £310,000 of LTP Local Highways Maintenance Funding in 2013/14 was confirmed for Southampton in mid December 2012. This will be supplemented by £200,000 of revenue funding and used to implement highway improvements and measures specifically to assist less mobile pedestrians to prevent trips and falls on the network. This will reduce distress and the associated cost of injuries. It will help decrease demands on the health service and support independent living. This allocation has been added to the unclassified roads scheme.
12. The overall programme proposed for 2013/14 totals £14,498,000 (excluding the *Platform for Prosperity* scheme).
13. Appendix 1 shows how the programme is funded.
14. Appendix 2 shows the Block Headings and the proposed spend by scheme, showing where approvals to spend are required.
15. Appendix 3 shows scheme descriptions and individual projects to be approved as part of this report.

16. Appendix 4 shows the details of the variations and additions to the programme.
17. The Environment and Transport Portfolio Capital and Major Projects Board has an overarching responsibility for the delivery of the Environment and Transport Capital Programme whilst individual Boards manage the interface for delivery with the partner contractors, review progress and performance and reports exceptions.
18. All Projects in the programme are managed through the corporate Project Management System, "PM Connect" which facilitates the financial and timely delivery of individual projects within the overall programme. All projects will have an approved Project Initiation Document including authority to deliver, prior to commencement of any works.
19. In December 2012, the Government announced an additional contribution of £5,309,000 Regional Growth Fund (RGF) Grant towards the *Platform for Prosperity* Capital Project, as detailed in Appendix 6. This additional funding will enable the scope of the project to be increased to include comprehensive improvements along Town Quay, which will see the scheme implement a new dual carriageway from the Mayflower Roundabout to the Canute Road / Terminus Terrace junction. This larger project will require rephrasing to meet the Government's requirement on claiming the RGF grant by January 2015, which will require the completion on site by the end of 2014. A revised spend profile is attached at Appendix 5.

RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

Capital/Revenue

20. The Capital Programme for Environment and Transport Portfolio in 2013/14 (excluding the *Platform for Prosperity* scheme) will be £14,498,000. This is in line with the budget approved by Council on 13th February 2013, but with the addition of £293,000 of S106 funds from site specific development contributions, the addition of £310,000 in Local Transport Plan (LTP) Government grant, and the addition of £200,000 of revenue funding.
21. This capital expenditure can be fully funded as detailed in Appendix 1.
22. Some of this expenditure has been previously approved as indicated by the 'status of approval' column in Appendix 2.
23. This report seeks Cabinet approval to spend for capital expenditure of £7,706,000 in 2013/14, in accordance with Financial Procedure Rules and as detailed in Appendix 3.
24. Subject to no increase in maintenance levels, the ongoing revenue consequences of these schemes can be accommodated within existing budgets.
25. The scope of the *Platform for Prosperity* scheme will increase following the additional Government grant of £5,309,000. This report seeks to accept the award, add the funds to the Environment and Transport Capital Programme and provide approval to spend for the revised scheme, in accordance with Financial Procedure Rules, over a number of financial years as detailed in Appendix 5.

26. There is a slight increase in the contractual obligation on the Council from BIS in the requirement to demonstrate job increases and potential claw back of monies, as detailed in Appendix 6.

Property/Other

27. There are no property implications as a result of this report.
28. The ‘job target’ under the original *Platform for Prosperity* Scheme Grant Offer of £5,595,000 received in March 2012, was for an aggregate number of 196 full time jobs newly created and directly in connection with the project. The amended Grant Offer of £10,904,000 received in December 2012, is for an aggregated number of 250 full time jobs newly created and directly in connection with the project.

LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

Statutory power to undertake proposals in the report:

29. Each Capital scheme will be delivered in accordance with a variety of Highways and Environmental legislation, including but not limited to:- the Highways Act 1980, Road Traffic Regulation Act 1994, Traffic Management Act 2004, and s.2 Local Government Act 2000 (having first had regard to the provisions of the Community Strategy).

Other Legal Implications:

30. Procurement of Schemes will be carried out in accordance with the Council’s procurement strategy, existing and newly procured partnership contracts and in accordance with National and European procurement legislation and directives. Design and implementation of schemes will take into account the provisions of s.17 Crime and Disorder Act 1998 and the impact of schemes on individuals and communities will be assessed against Human Rights Act 1998 and Equalities legislation provisions.

POLICY FRAMEWORK IMPLICATIONS

31. The Capital Programme is compatible with the objectives of the Community Strategy.
32. The City Council is a Local Transport Authority as laid down in the Transport Act 2000 and the Council’s relevant Policy Framework is the City of Southampton Local Transport Plan (LTP3).
33. The importance of the condition of the highway network in terms of defects, as well as its ability to assist in providing high quality transport for all modes, cannot be understated in terms of providing an indication of the health and vitality of the City. Increased investment by the Council can only signal to businesses and residents that Southampton is a location to invest and commit to. Getting this message clearly across to key stakeholders in the City will be a priority once the programme is approved.

KEY DECISION? Yes

WARDS/COMMUNITIES AFFECTED:	All
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SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION

Appendices

1.	Environment & Transport Capital Programme – Sources of Funding 2013/14
2.	Environment & Transport Capital Programme – Approval to spend 2013/14
3.	Environment & Transport Capital Programme – Description of Schemes 2013/14
4.	Variations and additions to the Environment & Transport Capital Programme
5.	<i>Platform for Prosperity</i> - Revised spend profile
6.	<i>Platform for Prosperity</i> - Summary of variations to the scheme

Documents In Members' Rooms

1.	The City of Southampton Local Transport Plan (LTP3)
2.	The City of Southampton Transport Asset Management Plan

Equality Impact Assessment

Do the implications/subject of the report require an Equality Impact Assessment (EIA) to be carried out.	Yes (An IIA will be prepared for the whole programme)
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Other Background Documents

Equality Impact Assessment and Other Background documents available for inspection at:

Title of Background Paper(s)	Relevant Paragraph of the Access to Information Procedure Rules / Schedule 12A allowing document to be Exempt/Confidential (if applicable)
1. None	