



To: Business, Economy and Enterprise Scrutiny Board (3)

Date: 12th October 2022

Subject: City Region Sustainable Transport Settlement

1 Purpose of the Note

- 1.1 To update the Business, Economy and Enterprise Scrutiny Board (3) on the City Region Sustainable Transport Settlement.

2 Recommendations

- 2.1 The Business, Economy and Enterprise Scrutiny Board (3) are recommended to consider the information contained in this report and make and comments and recommendations on the content.

3 Information/Background

- 3.1 As reported to Cabinet on 30 August 2022, the West Midlands Combined Authority (WMCA) submitted a bid to Government's City Region Sustainable Transport Settlement (CRSTS) for a £1.05 billion package of transport schemes for the period 2022-27. The Department for Transport (DfT) has subsequently confirmed the CRSTS funding award for the WMCA.
- 3.2 For Coventry the CRSTS programme includes the following schemes:
- Coventry Very Light Rail (CVLR) - £54 million
 - Coventry South Sustainable Transport Package - £17 million
 - Foleshill Transport Package - £4.5 million
 - Regional Park and Ride including Tile Hill Station - £4.5 million (as part of a TfWM Strategic Park and Ride programme)
- 3.3 The WMCA is the accountable body for the CRSTS funding and has put in place a Single Assurance Framework (SAF) process that will need to be followed to draw down the funding. This requires the preparation and submission of business cases that will require WMCA approval. Due to the scale, and innovative nature, of the project, the CVLR scheme has been designated a retained scheme, which means that the DfT will need to approve the business case in addition to the WMCA.
- 3.4 The £80 million CRSTS capital investment will be supplemented by up to £23 million match funding which is a mix of public and private sector investment, taking the total programme value to £103m for the 4 schemes.
- 3.5 In addition, £30.6 million funding is allocated to Coventry within the five-year CRSTS programme for Highway Maintenance and our Local Network Improvement Plan. This funding allocation is not subject to the Strategic Assurance Framework process managed

by the WMCA and is being allocated direct to the Council. Allocation of this funding to deliver a prioritised programme of highway maintenance, traffic management and road safety schemes will be undertaken using the same prioritisation process as that used in recent years, as reported to Cabinet on 15 March 2022 in the 2022/23 Transport and Highways Maintenance Capital Programme report.

- 3.6 The WMCA has also been awarded revenue funding through CRSTS for scheme development. The Council has already been awarded £0.6 million from this award, and it is anticipated that further revenue funding will be made available during 2022/23. This funding is intended to assist with the cost of developing a pipeline of new schemes that can come forward as and when additional funding becomes available. This also helps to create contingency in the event that any schemes in the CRSTS programme are delayed.
- 3.7 Work is underway on the preparation of Business Cases to draw down the capital funding allocations for each of the Coventry projects, whilst delivery of the highways maintenance and Local Network Improvement Plan programmes is already underway.

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