

## Transport and the Environment Board

10 February 2022

### Programme Approvals

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Is the paper exempt from the press and public?	No
<i>Reason why exempt:</i>	Not applicable
Purpose of this report:	Funding Decision
Is this a Key Decision?	Yes
Has it been included on the Forward Plan?	Yes

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**Director Approving Submission of the Report:**

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### Executive Summary

This paper requests full approval of 2 schemes subject to the conditions set out in the Assurance Summaries; approval to release development costs for 1 project and approval of 1 project change request. The paper also requests delegated authority to enter into necessary legal agreements for the schemes.

The paper notes the decision of MCA Board to progress 1 scheme to full approval.

**What does this mean for businesses, people and places in South Yorkshire?**

This report is seeking approval to progress business cases and enter into contract for a number of investment proposals which will support the MCA's aspirations.

### Recommendations

The Board consider and approve:

1. Progression of 'O48 SCC Nether Edge and Crookes Active Neighbourhood' to full approval and award of £0.59m grant from Active Travel Fund 2/Gainshare

- (ATF2/Gainshare) to Sheffield City Council (SCC) subject to the conditions set out in the Assurance Summary attached at Appendix A1;
2. Progression of 'G11 The Whins/Cinder Bridge Rd/Greasborough Lane Junction Improvement' to full approval and award of £0.77m from Getting Building Fund (GBF) subject to the conditions set out in the Assurance Summary attached at Appendix A2;
  3. Release of development cost funding of £0.26m for 'O50 Sheaf Valley' from ATF2/ Gainshare to SCC in line with the details attached at Appendix B
  4. Project change request as detailed in Appendix C
  5. Delegated authority be given to the Head of Paid Service in consultation with the Section 73 and Monitoring Officer to enter into legal agreements for the schemes covered at 1-4 above.

The Board note:

1. MCA Board has approved the progression of 'T11 Barnsley – Doncaster Quality Bus Corridor (BRT)' Outline Business Case OBC to FBC for Transforming Cities Fund (TCF2) to BMBC subject to the conditions set out in the Assurance Summary attached at Appendix D

### **Consideration by any other Board, Committee, Assurance or Advisory Panel**

Assurance Panel

20 December 2021

Assurance Panel

31 January 2022

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## **1. Background**

- 1.1 This report seeks approval for the progression of schemes funded from multiple funding streams. The paper also requests delegated authority to enter into legal agreements for the named schemes.

### **1.2 Progression of schemes to full approval and award of funding**

The paper is seeking progression to full approval and award of funding for 2 projects. The schemes are detailed in Appendix A. The total amount of funding requested is £1.36m grant. The projects are located across Sheffield and Rotherham respectively. The assurance summaries include conditions of funding which must be met before contract execution.

Full details of the schemes and risks are included in Appendix A.

### **1.3 Approval to release development costs**

The paper is seeking release of additional development cost funding to aid completion of a Full Business Case for 1 project which is detailed at Appendix B. The total amount of funding is £0.26m grant from TCF2. The project is located in Sheffield.

Full details of the schemes and risks are included in Appendix B.

### **1.4 Project Change Request**

In recognition of unforeseen circumstances that can arise during the project delivery phase, the approved Assurance Framework establishes a formal process for the acceptance of change requests. These change requests could be financial, requiring reprofiling of funds, or could be to amend deliverables or timescales.

Details of the change request can be found in Appendix C.

#### 1.5 MCA Board Approvals to note

On 24/01/2022 the MCA Board approved progression of 'T11 Barnsley – Doncaster Quality Bus Corridor (BRT)' from OBC to FBC for £8.92m to deliver improvements along A635 aimed at improving congestion and journey times for buses. This approval included the release of £0.95m development cost funding to aid completion of the Full Business Case. The Transport and Environment Board (TEB) Co-Chairs approved this intention due to the need to expedite delivery to enable scheme completion within programme timescales. Progression for approval decision at MCA Board required as the value of this scheme exceeds TEB delegation limits.

Full details of the scheme and risks are included in Appendix D

## 2. **Options Considered and Recommended Proposal**

### 2.1 **Option 1**

Do not approve the recommendations in this report.

### 2.2 **Option 1 Risks and Mitigations**

Inability to approve the projects presented or release development costs may result in a slower pace of delivery and loss of activity/spend to the programmes

### 2.3 **Option 2**

Award projects a smaller amount of grant funding

### 2.4 **Option 2 Risks and Mitigation**

All funding awards associated with the projects have been fully appraised in line with the SYMCA Assurance Framework to ensure value for money. Funding for these projects is timebound by the funding bodies and any deliverability issues will be managed via alternative funding sources.

### 2.5 **Option 3**

Approve all recommendations

### 2.6 **Option 3 Risks and Mitigations**

By approving the recommendations, the available programme funding will reduce. However, the projects were included in the bids submitted to the funding bodies and/or are considered a strong strategic fit in line with investment aims.

### 2.7 **Recommended Option**

Option 3

## 3. **Consultation on Proposal**

- 3.1 . Project sponsors are required to publish business cases on their websites (or an appropriate summary of the submission) and must consider all comments received and reflect this in the stages of the application process.

Discussions for these projects has continued with the thematic board during project development

#### **4. Timetable and Accountability for Implementing this Decision**

- 4.1 Subject to the approval of the recommendations, the Head of Paid Service in consultation with the Section 73 Officer and Monitoring Officer will progress to enter into legal agreements with each promoter.
- 4.2 The promoter is responsible for the further development of projects that have gateway approval to the next stage of the SYMCA Assurance process.

#### **5. Financial and Procurement Implications and Advice**

- 5.1 The projects presented for approval today are profiled to draw down up to £0.77m from the GBF allocation of £33.60m and up to £0.85m from the ATF2/ Gainshare allocation of £7.70m.

#### **6. Legal Implications and Advice**

- 6.1 The legal implications of the projects have been fully considered by a representative of the Monitoring Officer and included in the recommendations agreed within the Assurance Summaries as presented in the Appendices.
- 6.2 Prior to awarding the grants, the SYMCA shall ensure contracts are put in place to allow conditions of grant to be discharged.

#### **7. Human Resources Implications and Advice**

- 7.1 Not applicable.

#### **8. Equality and Diversity Implications and Advice**

- 8.1 Appropriate equality and diversity considerations are taken into account as part of the assurance of the project business cases.

#### **9. Climate Change Implications and Advice**

- 9.1 A number of the programmes include new and/or enhanced active travel initiatives and improvements to public and community transport infrastructure thereby shifting private vehicle use to more sustainable modes of transport. This aims to deliver huge benefits for health and the prosperity of cities, positively contributing to the SYMCA's climate change aspirations.

#### **10. Information and Communication Technology Implications and Advice**

- 10.1 Not applicable

## **11. Communications and Marketing Implications and Advice**

11.1 None arising from this report.

### **List of Appendices Included**

- A Progression of schemes to full approval and award of funding
- A1 Assurance Summary O48 SCC Nether Edge and Crookes Active Neighbourhood (ATF2 / Gainshare FBC)
- A2 Assurance Summary G11 The Whins (GBF FBC)
- B Approval to release development costs
- C Change Control
- D Assurance Summary T11 Barnsley – Doncaster Quality Bus Corridor (BRT) (TCF2 OBC)