

Transport and the Environment Board

17 March 2022

Programme Approvals

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

Director Approving Submission of the Report:

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Executive Summary

This paper requests endorsement to progress 3 schemes for full approval at the MCA Board, subject to the conditions set out in the Assurance Summaries.

The paper requests ratification of the previous meeting's full approval of 2 schemes subject to the conditions set out in the Assurance Summaries; and approval to release development costs for 1 project.

The paper also requests delegated authority to enter into necessary legal agreements for the schemes.

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 endorse:

1. Progression of 'T24 Parkgate' to MCA for full approval and award of £11.55m grant from Transforming Cities Fund (TCF2) to South Yorkshire Passenger Transport Executive (SYPTTE) subject to the conditions set out in the Assurance Summary attached at Appendix A1;
2. Progression of 'T2 A61 Wakefield Road Bus Corridor' to MCA for full approval and award of £13.29m grant from Transforming Cities Fund (TCF2) to SYPTTE subject to the conditions set out in the Assurance Summary attached at Appendix A2;
3. Progression of 'T28 Unity' to MCA for full approval and award of £4.39m grant from Transforming Cities Fund (TCF2) to Doncaster Borough Council (DBC) subject to the conditions set out in the Assurance Summary attached at Appendix A3

The Board ratify the approval of:

4. 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 B1;
5. 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) to Rotherham Metropolitan Borough Council (RMBC) subject to the conditions set out in the Assurance Summary attached at Appendix B2;
6. 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
7. 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 4-6 above.

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

Assurance Panel

17 February 2022

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28 February 2022

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 MCA for full approval and award of funding for 3 projects. The schemes are detailed in Appendix A. The total amount of funding requested is £29.23m grant. The projects are located across Rotherham, Barnsley and Doncaster 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 Ratification of previous approvals

On 10/02/2022 the Transport and Environment Board approved the progression of 2 projects to full approval and award of funding, and release of development cost funding for 1 project. As the meeting was not quorate ratification of the approval decisions is sought.

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

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 projects endorsed and progressed to the MCA shall be decided at the 21st March 2022 meeting

4.3 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 endorsement today are profiled to draw down up to £29.23m from the TCF2 allocation of £166.37m. The projects presented for ratification 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 T24 SYPTE Parkgate (TCF2 FBC)
- A2 Assurance Summary T2 SYPTE A61 Wakefield Road Bus Corridor (TCF2 FBC)

- A3 Assurance Summary T28 DBC Unity (TCF2 FBC)
- B Ratification of previous approvals
- B1 Assurance Summary O48 SCC Nether Edge and Crookes Active Neighbourhood (ATF2 / Gainshare FBC)
- B2 Assurance Summary G11 RMBC The Whins (GBF FBC)