

Transport and the Environment Board

01 September 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 2 schemes for full approval at the MCA Board subject to the conditions set out in the Assurance Summaries.

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 'T0003 A61 Royston Active Travel Scheme' Full Business Case (FBC) to the MCA for full approval and award of £5.2m grant to Barnsley Metropolitan Borough Council (BMBC) subject to the conditions set out in the Assurance Summary attached at Appendix A1.
2. Progression of 'T0012 A635 Active Travel Scheme' FBC to the MCA for full approval and award of £2.4m grant to Barnsley Metropolitan Borough Council (BMBC) subject to the conditions set out in the Assurance Summary attached at Appendix A2.
3. 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 above.

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

Assurance Panel
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20 July 2022
19 August 2022

1. Background

- 1.1 This report seeks approval for the progression of 2 fully funded schemes and will be resourced from previously committed TCF2 grant funding, and approval of 2 change requests.

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

The paper is seeking progression of 2 schemes to MCA for full approval, contract and award of funding. The total amount of funding requested for both schemes is £7.6m grant for schemes located in Barnsley.

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

- 1.3 **Project Change Requests**

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 2 change requests can be found 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 funding may result in the 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 Mitigations:**

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.

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 the promoter.
- 4.2 The projects endorsed and progressed to the MCA shall be decided at the 30th of September 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 £7.6m from the TCF2 allocation of £166.3m

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 The projects detailed in this report include new and/or enhanced active travel initiatives thereby shifting private vehicle use to more sustainable modes of transport. This aims to deliver huge benefits for health and 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 Subject to approval of the schemes, marketing and communications, will promote progress and raise awareness, through the social media channels and website presence.

List of Appendices Included

- A Progression of schemes to full approval and award of funding
- A1 Assurance Summary T0003 A61 Royston Active Travel Scheme (TCF2 FBC)
- A2 Assurance Summary T0012 A635 Active Travel Scheme (TCF2 FBC)
- B Change Control