

Transport and the Environment Board

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Programme Performance

Is the paper exempt from the press and public?	No
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Purpose of this report:	Monitoring/Assurance
Is this a Key Decision?	No
Has it been included on the Forward Plan of Key Decisions?	Not a Key Decision

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Executive Summary

This report provides the Board with the latest performance information on the Transforming Cities Fund 2 (TCF2) and City Region Sustainable Transport Settlement (CRSTS) programmes being delivered on behalf of the MCA. The report is intended to support oversight and scrutiny.

The report notes developments on the TCF programme and the good early progress on the CRSTS programme.

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

The MCA's investment in South Yorkshire's travel and transport infrastructure is critical to delivering upon the region's broader aspirations. Performance information supports the robust oversight and management of this delivery.

Recommendations

That Board members consider the performance information provided:

1. To advise on any additional information that would assist in monitoring performance; and,
2. To identify future performance deep-dives or significant areas of risk.

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

None

1. Background

- 1.1 The South Yorkshire Mayoral Combined Authority currently has 115 projects within the TCF and CRSTS programmes with an aggregate value of £736.30m.

This report gives an overview on the performance of programmes and the projects within them, highlighting management actions being taken to mitigate risks.

2. Current Position by Funding Stream

2.1 **TCF2**

TCF is a £166m programme that was announced in March 2020, shortly before the nation moved into pandemic related restrictions.

Previous reporting has flagged issues with the pace of the TCF programme. These issues largely reflect the early stage of development of schemes at the time of bidding; the challenging delivery timetable; and known pressures across the supply chain and labour market following the pandemic. These issues are prevailing across the nation and are exacerbated by the inflationary environment. £7.25m was included within CRSTS to enable some of the larger, transformational schemes to progress which is included in the figures provided in Appendix 1.

Whilst progress has been a concern more schemes are now beginning to move into the contracting and delivery stages (53%).

The programme now consists of 32 schemes.

- 11 (34%) schemes in delivery with a value of £52.30m – an increase of £40.55m since the last report.
- 6 (18%) schemes fully approved and going into contract with a value of £13.62m;
- 1 scheme undergoing final assurance ahead of submission for approvals; and,
- 12 (37.5%) schemes remain in development.

Following the agreement at Board to give more local flexibility to partners to manage their project pressures within programme funding envelopes has enabled some schemes facing inflationary pressures to progress.

The current forecast expenditure for the current financial year is £62.12m. This is significantly behind the base budget of £137m. The programme level forecast against original profile is included in the graphs in Appendix A

2.2

CRSTS

CRSTS has 66 schemes within the programme with an aggregated value of £482.19m. The settlement was announced by Government at £570m reflecting the final year of the TCF being rolled into the CRSTS settlement period.

Good progress has been made in the delivery of this programme:

- 10 schemes (15%) are fully approved or already in delivery;
- 5 schemes (8%) are developing their full business cases (FBC); and,
- 51 schemes (77%) are in early development.

The current forecast spend amount for this financial year is broadly on budget at £31.18m.

The strong performance on the CRSTS programme in part reflects a number of lessons learnt from the TCF programme. Revenue allocations have been released to each of the local authority partners and SYPTe to support extra capacity and early-stage feasibility works, whilst the MCA has invested in programme support to better assist in the development of schemes and smooth their passage through assurance processes.

Further details are within the dashboard at Appendix B.

3. **Consultation on Proposal**

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

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

- 4.1 Updates to the Board will continue to be made throughout the year.

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

- 5.1 This report notes the pace of the TCF and CRSTS programmes. Whilst CRSTS is broadly on budget the forecast TCF expenditure is significantly behind budget. The report further notes the work being undertaken within the MCA with local partners and national government to mitigate this risk.

6. **Legal Implications and Advice**

- 6.1 The funding agreement for the schemes provide that any failure to make adequate progress against the spend profile identified may result in the reduction or withdrawal of further funding

7. Human Resources Implications and Advice

7.1 None

8. Equality and Diversity Implications and Advice

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

The premise of the engagement is based upon a deal where greater social value is negotiated and the business commits to supporting local supply chains, local labour market, training and taking on apprenticeships, for example.

9. Climate Change Implications and Advice

9.1 Climate change impact is assessed as part of the assurance process for any proposed activity.

10. Information and Communication Technology Implications and Advice

10.1 None

11. Communications and Marketing Implications and Advice

11.1 None

List of Appendices Included:

A	TCF Dashboard
B	CRSTS Dashboard

Background Papers

None