

## Report to the Chief Officer (Highways & Transportation)

**Date:** 31 August 2017

**Subject :** Injection into the capital programme and authority to spend £600,000 of specific grant funding from the Department for Transport

**Capital scheme number: 732459**

Are specific electoral wards affected?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
If relevant, name(s) of ward(s):		
Are there implications for equality and diversity and cohesion and integration?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
Is the decision eligible for call-In?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
Does the report contain confidential or exempt information?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
If relevant, access to information procedure rule number:		
Appendix number:		

### Summary of main issues

1. Following the floods of December 2015, the Department for Transport awarded Leeds a grant of £4.5m towards the repair of flood damaged transport infrastructure.
2. Executive Board gave authority to spend this grant and authorised officers to seek additional funding on 22 June 2016.
3. The Department for Transport has awarded a further grant towards the repair of flood damaged transport infrastructure in the sum of £600,000.
4. This report seeks authority to inject the additional grant into Leeds Bridges Capital Programme and to give authority to spend.
5. This report also updates the estimated final cost of Linton Bridge from the original draft estimate of £4m to £4.95m and recommends the allocation of any left-over funding to other outstanding flood repairs.

### Recommendations

6. The Chief Officer (Highways and Transportation) is requested to:
  - i) Give authority to inject £600,000 additional grant award from Department for Transport into the Leeds Bridges Capital Programme for the 2017/18 financial year.
  - ii) Give authority to incur expenditure of £600,000 on Linton Bridge as a priority with any remaining funds to be allocated to other outstanding flood repairs.

### 1. Purpose of this report

- 1.1 This report seeks authority to inject £600,000 additional grant award from the Department for Transport into the Leeds Bridges Capital Programme and give authority to spend on Linton Bridge as a priority with any remaining funds to be allocated to other outstanding flood repairs.

## **2 Background information**

- 2.1 The Department for Transport awarded Leeds City Council a grant of £4.5m towards the costs of repairs to transport infrastructure following the flooding of December 2015.
- 2.2 A report entitled “Design And Cost Report For The Repair Of Linton Bridge And Other Highway Infrastructure Assets Damaged During Winter Storms Of 2015” was approved by Executive Board on 22 June 2016. The report authorised the expenditure of the £4.5m grant award with Linton Bridge as a priority. As the estimated cost of repairs to all infrastructure was in excess of the £4.5m allocated, Executive Board also gave officers authority to seek additional funding.

## **3 Main issues**

- 3.1 The Department for Transport have made an additional specific grant award of £600,000. The funding is being provided under Local Transport Capital Block Funding (Integrated Transport and Highway Maintenance) Specific Grant Determination (2016/17) No.31/2784 as Capital.
- 3.2 The funding has been received by the Council and can be allocated to be spent during the 2017/18 financial year.
- 3.3 The previous report to Executive Board estimated the cost of repairs to Linton Bridge as £4m with a note that “As with any listed structure of this age the estimate is not without risk and any additional work identified as a result of the on-going repairs has the potential to add to the cost. For that reason it is recommended that a reasonable contingency sum be anticipated until the repairs are well advanced.”
- 3.4 For this reason the whole of the £4.5m was authorised to be allocated to the repair of Linton Bridge with any remaining funding distributed evenly among other damaged infrastructure repairs. The repairs to Linton Bridge are now estimated to cost £4.95m. The increase is due to further investigation of the damage leading to the need for a significant support structure to hold up the bridge arch during repairs.
- 3.5 The additional funding will be allocated in the same manner as the Executive Board approval of 22 June 2016 which allocated the grant repair funding to the repair of Linton Bridge with any remaining funds being used to complete other flood damage repairs.
- 3.6 The extent of repairs to other flood damaged infrastructure from this funding is expected to be limited but will be agreed with the Executive Member for Regeneration, Transport and Planning before implementation.

## 4 Corporate considerations

### 4.1 Consultation and engagement

4.1.1 Consultation has continued throughout the Linton Bridge repairs with Ward Members, Parish Council, schools and businesses in the area of Linton Bridge.

4.1.2 The Executive Member for Regeneration, Transport and Planning supports the recommendations within this report.

### 4.2 Equality and diversity / cohesion and integration

4.2.1 There are no specific equality and diversity issues in relation to the damage to infrastructure. The closure of Linton Bridge has an impact on cohesion and integration which will be mitigated as far as possible by expediting repairs and providing alternative measures such as a shuttle bus where appropriate.

4.3 A screening assessment has been prepared and is included at Appendix A. An independent impact assessment is not required for the approvals requested.

### 4.4 Council policies and the best council plan

4.4.1 The Best Council Plan and Best City ambition is for Leeds to be a compassionate city with a strong economy, supported by an efficient and enterprising local authority that works effectively with partners and communities to deliver a well-connected transport system. The response to the 2015 flooding in Leeds was a testament to this compassion and joined-up working and the reinstatement of infrastructure damaged by the floods will help to alleviate the effects of the flooding on individuals, businesses and the wider economy of Leeds.

### 4.5 Resources and value for money

4.5.1 In line with the council value of 'spending money wisely', the council is committed to using its resources in the best possible way in both the initial response and longer-term recovery stages from a flooding incident.

### 4.5.2 Capital funding and cash flow.

Previous total Authority to Spend on this scheme	TOTAL £000's	TO MARCH 2015 £000's	FORECAST				
			2015/16 £000's	2016/17 £000's	2017/18 £000's	2018/19 £000's	2019 on £000's
LAND (1)	0.0						
CONSTRUCTION (3)	0.0						
FURN & EQPT (5)	0.0						
DESIGN FEES (6)	0.0						
OTHER COSTS (7)	0.0						
TOTALS	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Authority to Spend required for this Approval	TOTAL £000's	TO MARCH 2015 £000's	FORECAST				
			2015/16 £000's	2016/17 £000's	2017/18 £000's	2018/19 £000's	2019 on £000's
LAND (1)	0.0						
CONSTRUCTION (3)	508.5				508.5		
FURN & EQPT (5)	0.0						
DESIGN FEES (6)	91.5				91.5		
OTHER COSTS (7)	0.0						
TOTALS	600.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	600.0	0.0	0.0
Total overall Funding (As per latest Capital Programme)	TOTAL £000's	TO MARCH 2015 £000's	FORECAST				
			2015/16 £000's	2016/17 £000's	2017/18 £000's	2018/19 £000's	2019 on £000's
Government Grant	600.0			600.0			
Total Funding	600.0	0.0	0.0	600.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
<b>Balance / Shortfall =</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>600.0</b>	<b>-600.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>

## **4.6 Legal implications, access to information and call-in**

4.6.1 The Chief Officer (Highways and Transportation) has been delegated the authority to approve the recommendations contained within this report as identified in the Constitution, Part 3, Section 3E

4.6.2 This report is not eligible for call-in as the decision to allocate existing government grant to transport related flood repairs and to seek further specific grant for this purpose was subject to call-in following the Executive Board decision on 22 June 2016.

## **4.7 Risk management**

4.7.1 The proposals within this report are in accordance with the terms and conditions attached to the specific grant award.

4.7.2 The repairs to Linton Bridge are on programme to be completed by the end of September 2017 and the costs are estimated to be contained within the allocations made by the Department for Transport for that purpose.

## **5 Recommendations**

5.1 The Chief Officer (Highways and Transportation) is requested to :

- i) Give authority to inject £600,000 additional grant award from Department for Transport into the Leeds Bridges Capital Programme for the 2017/18 financial year.
- ii) Give authority to incur expenditure of £600,000 on Linton Bridge as a priority with any remaining funds to be allocated to other outstanding flood repairs.

## **6 Background Papers<sup>1</sup>**

6.1 None.

---

<sup>1</sup> The background documents listed in this section are available to download from the Council's website, unless they contain confidential or exempt information. The list of background documents does not include published works.

**Injection into the capital programme and authority to spend  
£600,000 of specific grant funding from the Department for Transport  
under the Local Transport Capital Block Funding**

**Appendix A**

**Equality, Diversity, Cohesion and  
Integration Screening**



As a public authority we need to ensure that all our strategies, policies, service and functions, both current and proposed have given proper consideration to equality, diversity, cohesion and integration.

A **screening** process can help judge relevance and provides a record of both the **process** and **decision**. Screening should be a short, sharp exercise that determines relevance for all new and revised strategies, policies, services and functions. Completed at the earliest opportunity it will help to determine:

- the relevance of proposals and decisions to equality, diversity, cohesion and integration.
- whether or not equality, diversity, cohesion and integration is being/has already been considered, and
- whether or not it is necessary to carry out an impact assessment.

<b>Directorate:</b> City Development	<b>Service area:</b> Highways & Transportation
<b>Lead person:</b> Andrew Molyneux	<b>Contact number:</b> 87590

**1. Title:** Injection into the capital programme and authority to spend of £600,000 of specific grant funding from the Department for Transport under the Local Transport Capital Block Funding

Is this a:

☐

**Strategy / Policy**

☒

**Service / Function**

☐

**Other**

**If other, please specify**

**2. Please provide a brief description of what you are screening**

This screening focuses on the injection into the capital programme and authority to spend of £600,000 grant monies from Department for Transport for the purposes of repairing flood damaged infrastructure.

### 3. Relevance to equality, diversity, cohesion and integration

All the council's strategies/policies, services/functions affect service users, employees or the wider community – city wide or more local. These will also have a greater/lesser relevance to equality, diversity, cohesion and integration.

The following questions will help you to identify how relevant your proposals are.

When considering these questions think about age, carers, disability, gender reassignment, race, religion or belief, sex, sexual orientation and any other relevant characteristics (for example socio-economic status, social class, income, unemployment, residential location or family background and education or skills levels).

Questions	Yes	No
Is there an existing or likely differential impact for the different equality characteristics?		<b>X</b>
Have there been or likely to be any public concerns about the policy or proposal?		<b>X</b>
Could the proposal affect how our services, commissioning or procurement activities are organised, provided, located and by whom?		<b>X</b>
Could the proposal affect our workforce or employment practices?		<b>X</b>
Does the proposal involve or will it have an impact on <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Eliminating unlawful discrimination, victimisation and harassment</li><li>2. Advancing equality of opportunity</li><li>3. Fostering good relations</li></ol>		<b>X</b>

If you have answered **no** to the questions above please complete **sections 6 and 7**

If you have answered **yes** to any of the above and;

- Believe you have already considered the impact on equality, diversity, cohesion and integration within your proposal please go to **section 4**.
- Are not already considering the impact on equality, diversity, cohesion and integration within your proposal please go to **section 5**.

### 4. Considering the impact on equality, diversity, cohesion and integration

If you can demonstrate you have considered how your proposals impact on equality, diversity, cohesion and integration you have carried out an impact assessment.

Please provide specific details for all three areas below (use the prompts for guidance).

- **How have you considered equality, diversity, cohesion and integration?**  
(think about the scope of the proposal, who is likely to be affected, equality related information, gaps in information and plans to address, consultation and engagement activities (taken place or planned) with those likely to be affected)
- **Key findings**  
(think about any potential positive and negative impact on different equality characteristics, potential to promote strong and positive relationships between groups, potential to bring groups/communities into increased contact with each other, perception that the proposal could benefit one group at the expense of another)
- **Actions**  
(think about how you will promote positive impact and remove/ reduce negative impact)

**5. If you are not already considering the impact on equality, diversity, cohesion and integration you will need to carry out an impact assessment.**

Date to scope and plan your impact assessment:	
Date to complete your impact assessment	
Lead person for your impact assessment (Include name and job title)	

**6. Governance, ownership and approval**

Please state here who has approved the actions and outcomes of the screening

<b>Name</b>	<b>Job title</b>	<b>Date</b>
Andrew Molyneux	Highways Asset Manager	30/08/2017

**7. Publishing**

This screening document will act as evidence that due regard to equality and diversity has been given. If you are not carrying out an independent impact assessment the screening document will need to be published.

Please send a copy to the Equality Team for publishing

<b>Date screening completed</b>	30/08/2017
<b>Date sent to Equality Team</b>	
<b>Date published</b> (To be completed by the Equality Team)	