

Report to:	Cabinet	Date of Meeting:	3 July 2015
Subject:	Sustainable Transport Enhancement Programme – Inclusion in Capital Programme	Wards Affected:	Church; Linacre; Litherland; Molyneux; Netherton and Orrell;
Report of:	Director of Built Environment		
Is this a Key Decision?	Yes	Is it included in the Forward Plan?	Yes
Exempt/Confidential	No		

Purpose/Summary

To advise the Cabinet of the allocations from the Local Growth Fund and to seek approval for the allocation of £1,740,000 to be included within the approved Capital Programme

Recommendation(s)

It is recommended that:-

- (i) the allocations from the Combined Authority be noted;
- (ii) approval be given to the inclusion of £1,740,000 in the Capital Programme; and
- (iii) officers be authorised to commence the commitment of the funds

How does the decision contribute to the Council's Corporate Objectives?

	<u>Corporate Objective</u>	<u>Positive Impact</u>	<u>Neutral Impact</u>	<u>Negative Impact</u>
1	Creating a Learning Community		√	
2	Jobs and Prosperity	√		
3	Environmental Sustainability	√		
4	Health and Well-Being	√		

5	Children and Young People	√		
6	Creating Safe Communities	√		
7	Creating Inclusive Communities	√		
8	Improving the Quality of Council Services and Strengthening Local Democracy		√	

Reasons for the Recommendation:

To allow the funds to be committed to commence delivery of the bid and ensure the required spend is made in the current financial year.

Alternative Options Considered and Rejected:

No

What will it cost and how will it be financed?

(A) Revenue Costs

(B) Capital Costs

£1,740,000 of grant available over the two years of the award, including £880,000 in 2015/6

All funds will be met by the Combined Authority through the Local Growth Fund.

Implications:

The following implications of this proposal have been considered and where there are specific implications, these are set out below:

Financial		
Legal		
Human Resources		
Equality		
1.	No Equality Implication	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
2.	Equality Implications identified and mitigated	<input type="checkbox"/>
3.	Equality Implication identified and risk remains	<input type="checkbox"/>

Impact of the Proposals on Service Delivery:

None

What consultations have taken place on the proposals and when?

The Head of Corporate Finance and ICT has been consulted and notes the formal confirmation from the Combined Authority of the funding allocation for the STEP schemes in Sefton, £1,740,000 is to be received ,split £880,000, (2015/16) £860,000 (2016/17). Cabinet is requested to authorise officers, to commence commitment of the funds identified for 2015/16. Details of these commitments will be subject to further subsequent reports to the appropriate Cabinet Member. (FD 3623/15)

Head of Corporate Legal Services have been consulted and has no comments on the report (LD 2915/15)

Implementation Date for the Decision

Following of the expiry of the “call-in” period for the minutes of the Cabinet meeting.

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Background Papers:

None

1. Introduction/Background

- 1.1 In July 2014 the Government published the Liverpool City Region Growth Plan. The Growth Plan included an allocation of £41.4m for a package sustainable transport improvements across the LEP area, subject to DfT scrutiny of business cases prior to delivery. This funding for these schemes has formed part of the DfT contribution towards the Regional Growth Fund. This has formed an allocation of £6.9m per annum for six years for a Sustainable Transport Enhancements Package (STEP) designed to support economic growth in the City Region. The STEP investments form a critical part of the Liverpool City Region Growth Plan and Strategic Economic Plan and are shaped around four interrelated packages of works, 'Invest for Growth', Sustainable Access to Employment', 'Low Carbon' and 'Visitor Economy'.
- 1.2 The report to Cabinet Member Transportation of 1 April 2015 sought approval for the allocation of funding within the 2015/16 Capital Programme to Local Transport Plan programmes and the approval of schemes to be progressed within the Integrated Transport and Maintenance Programme Blocks, including Street Lighting, Drainage, Urban Traffic Control (UTC) and Highway Structures, together with approval of the Liverpool City Region Sustainable Transport Enhancement Package allocations to be included within the Transport Capital Programme. The programme was approved subject to Combined Authority approval of the STEP programme and Cabinet/ Council approval for the allocation to be added to the Councils approved Capital Programme.

2. Sustainable Transport Enhancement Package

- 2.1 The six year STEP package of transport improvements has been split into three separate two year tranches for the purpose of assessment and allocation by the Combined Authority. Sefton Council has had four schemes included in the first package of works for delivery within the first two year period 2015/16-16/17. These schemes are A565 Cycle Route, A565 South Road Junction Improvement, Seaforth Environmental & Accessibility Improvements and A59 Ormskirk Road corridor improvements. A summary of these schemes is described below.
- 2.2 On 12th May 2015 the council received formal confirmation from the Combined Authority of the funding allocation for the STEP schemes in Sefton. A copy of the formal notification is attached in Annex A
- 2.3 The package allocations are summarised below.

	2015/16	2016/17	Total
A565 Cycle Route	£480,000		£480,000
A565 South Road Junction Improvement	£300,000	£500,000	£800,000
Seaforth Accessibility Improvements	£100,000	£100,000	£200,000
A59 (Ormskirk Road) corridor		£260,000	£260,000

Improvements			
Totals	£880,000	£860,000	£1,740,000

- 2.4 This Capital grant is to be paid to the Authority under the determination that it may only be used for the purposes of implementing the approved project in accordance with regulations made under section 11 of the Local government Act 2003
- 2.5 Members will note that there is significant spend profiled for 2015/16 and in order to deliver the aims of the project and meet this spend it is necessary to commence committing funds at the earliest opportunity.
- 2.6 In view of the above the Cabinet is requested to authorise officers, to commence commitment of the funds identified for 2015/16. Details of these commitments will be subject to further subsequent reports to the appropriate Cabinet Member.