

Report to:	Council	Date of Meeting:	Thursday 19 September 2019
Subject:	Revenue and Capital Budget Update 2019/20 - Revised Capital Allocations		
Report of:	Head of Corporate Resources	Wards Affected:	All wards
Portfolio:	Regulatory, Compliance and Corporate Services		
Is this a Key Decision:	Yes	Included in Forward Plan:	Yes
Exempt / Confidential Report:	No		

Summary:

To inform **Council** of additional and revised capital allocations for the 2019/20 Capital Programme.

Recommendation(s):

Council is recommended to: -

- i) Approve the additional and revised Transport allocations (section 2.1).
- ii) Approve the additional Better Care Fund (BCF) grant allocation (section 3.1)
- iii) Approve the additional Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND) allocations (section 4.3).
- iv) Approve for inclusion in the capital programme the Town Centre Commission Fund grant once final approval for the grant is received from Liverpool City Region Combined Authority (section 5.3).

Reasons for the Recommendation(s):

To approve updates to funding resources so that they can be applied to capital schemes in the delivery of the Council's overall capital strategy.

Alternative Options Considered and Rejected: (including any Risk Implications)

None.

What will it cost and how will it be financed?

(A) Revenue Costs

N/A

(B) Capital Costs

The additional allocations to the capital programme will be fully funded from external grants.

Implications of the Proposals:

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

Resource Implications (Financial, IT, Staffing and Assets): The financial resources specified in this report will be added to the Council's capital programme for 2019/20 and future years.
Legal Implications: None
Equality Implications: None

Contribution to the Council's Core Purpose:

<u>Protect the most vulnerable:</u> The SEND grant will support young people with special educational needs and disabilities to attend a mainstream school or access a place in high quality specialist provision without having to travel long distances. Elements of the transport programme provide better access to the highway network, improving safety for highway users.
<u>Facilitate confident and resilient communities:</u> N/A
<u>Commission, broker and provide core services:</u> The transport capital programme enhances the core infrastructure services provided by the Council.
<u>Place – leadership and influencer:</u> The Town Centre Fund will enhance place-making, delivering jobs and infrastructure improvements, and improving the town centre offer including increasing foot fall and vitality across the City Region.
<u>Drivers of change and reform:</u> N/A
<u>Facilitate sustainable economic prosperity:</u> Elements of the transport capital programme are designed to enhance the highway network thus facilitating more reliable access and journey times creating a basis for greater economic growth.
<u>Greater income for social investment:</u> N/A

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The transport programme will allow for more reliable journey times and easier access to the highway network and will help to support better air quality across the borough.

What consultations have taken place on the proposals and when?**(A) Internal Consultations**

The Head of Corporate Resources is the author of the report (FD 5780/19)

The Chief Legal and Democratic Officer has been consulted and has no comments on the report (LD 4904/19).

(B) External Consultations

N/A

Implementation Date for the Decision

Following the expiry of the “call-in” period for Minutes of the Cabinet Meeting

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Appendices:

None

Background Papers:

There are no background papers for inspection

1. Introduction

- 1.1 The Cabinet meetings of 25th July 2019 and 5th September 2019 agreed the following additional and revised allocations to the capital budget and requested they be referred to Council for approval.

2. Highways & Public Protection – Amended Transport Allocations

- 2.1 There are three new grant allocations secured via the Combined Authority (CA) that are presented for approval to be included in the capital programme for 2019/20 and future years. The allocations are as follows:

2.1.1 Major Scheme Development Fund

An indicative allocation of £0.275m has been allocated by the CA and will be included in the Integrated Transport Programme for 2019/20. This allocation is subject to final approval by the CA.

2.1.2 Pot Hole Funding

The Department for Transport allocation for Sefton in 2019/20 is £0.166m. This funding will be allocated to the ongoing Highways Maintenance scheme.

2.1.3 Sustainable Urban Development Fund (SUD)

£1.723m has been secured from the European Regional Development Fund over 2019/20 and 2020/21 for improvements to cycle routes in Southport and Crosby. It is proposed that an indicative amount of £0.825m will be allocated to improvements to the Transpennine Trail alongside the Coastal Road in Southport during 2019/20 with the remaining balance of £0.898m phased to schemes in 2020/21. This expenditure profile is subject to Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government (MHCLG) approval.

- 2.2 The revised transport allocations for 2019/20 and 2020/21, including new allocations and those previously approved, are shown in the table below:

Transport Capital Allocations	2019/20 £000	2020/21 £000
LTP Highways Management	2,298	2,298
LTP Integrated Transport	990	990
LTP Key Route Network (revised)	405	405
Pot Hole Fund*	166	-
CA Local Growth Fund	2,188	-
Sustainable Urban Development Fund *	825	898
Merseyside Local Growth Fund STEP	912	1,135
Major Scheme Development Fund*	275	-
M58 Junction 1 Scheme	4,678	-

North Liverpool Key Corridor	-	178
Key Route Network Improvements	200	-
Major scheme contributions	(182)	-
2018/19 carry forward to completed existing schemes	341	-
Total Programme Funding	13,096	5,904

** new allocations to be approved*

2.3 Council is requested to approve the revised and additional transport allocations for 2019/20 and 2020/21 as shown above. It should be noted that the Highways and Public Protection capital programme has been built using these allocations.

3. **Adult Social Care Additional Allocation**

3.1 An additional Better Care Fund allocation for 2018/19 was awarded in February 2019 of £0.439m and Council is requested to approve this for inclusion within the capital programme.

3.2 A programme of expenditure of £4.761m in 2019/20 has now been formulated and an Adult Social Care project board is being set up that will manage the delivery of schemes.

3.3 It should be noted that the ASC capital programme has been built using the additional allocation for 2018/19 of £0.439m.

4. **Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND) Capital Allocations**

4.1 Sefton has made a bid to the Department for Education to draw down SEND capital grant funding in 2019/20 of £0.849m in order to fund an overall programme of works totalling £1.150m.

4.2 The aim within Sefton, is for children and young people with SEND to be able to attend a school within their own community. They should be supported to attend a local mainstream school or access a place in high quality specialist provision without having to travel long distances.

4.3 Four new capital schemes to improve the condition and accessibility of school buildings have therefore been proposed as part of the bid:

- Redgate Primary – Specialist Resourced Provision £0.06m
- Rowan Park School – Expanded Provision £0.35m
- IMPACT Pupil Referral Unit – Refurbishment £0.70m
- Crosby High School – Improved Accessibility £0.04m

4.4 The Department for Education is currently reviewing these schemes and will release the funds to Sefton in the coming months once they are satisfied that the plans have met the funding requirements.

4.5 Sefton's match funding for the bid is £0.301m to be allocated from the balance of existing school's allocations.

4.6 Council is requested to approve the inclusion of the SEND capital schemes within the capital programme.

5. **New Grant Bid - Liverpool City Region (LCR) Town Centre Fund**

5.1 Sefton is currently drawing up proposals to make an application to the LCR Town Centre Fund. The strategic objectives of this fund include: enhancing place-making, delivering jobs and infrastructure improvements, and improving the town centre offer including increasing foot fall and vitality across the City Region to enhance the local town centres and strengthen economic growth in the region.

5.2 Interventions under the Town Centre Fund will contribute to local communities and improve the environment within which people work and live through:

- i. Enhancing the sustainable vitality of local town and district centres through investment that delivers new employment opportunities and makes those employment opportunities accessible to local residents.
- ii. Place renewal projects, particularly those designed to move away from traditional retail, and broaden the town centre offer and ensure future sustainability.

5.3 A total bid of £1m is proposed with a minimum of £0.500m allocated to capital projects along with an element of match funding where identified

5.4 Council is requested to approve for inclusion in the capital programme the Town Centre Commission Fund grant once final approval for the grant is received from Liverpool City Region Combined Authority.