

INTERIM LOCAL IMPLEMENTATION PLAN ANNUAL SPENDING SUBMISSION 2017/18

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Cabinet Portfolio(s)	Leader of the Council Planning, Transportation and Recycling
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Papers with report	None

1. HEADLINE INFORMATION

Summary	To make the necessary decisions regarding the preparation and submission of the Interim Local Implementation Plan Annual Spending Submission 2017/18 to Transport for London (TfL).
Putting our Residents First	This report supports the following Council objectives of: Our People; Our Natural Environment; Our Built Environment; Our Heritage and Civic Pride; Strong financial management; The Hillingdon Local Plan: Part One - Strategic Policies 2012; and Hillingdon's Sustainable Community Strategy 2011.
Financial Cost	There are no direct financial costs arising from this report. The preparation of the Annual Spending Submission will enable the Council to secure funding from Transport for London for the 2017/18 Local Implementation Plan.
Relevant Policy Overview Committee	Residents' and Environmental Services Policy Overview Committee
Ward(s) affected	All

2. RECOMMENDATIONS

That Cabinet:

- 1) **Agrees the principles of the Council's Local Implementation Plan 2017/18 Annual Spending Submission to Transport for London, set out in the report;**
- 2) **Delegates authority to the Deputy Chief Executive and Corporate Director of Residents Services, in consultation with the Leader of the Council and Cabinet**

Member for Planning, Transportation and Recycling, to agree the final Plan before submission to Transport for London;

- 3) Notes that the subsequent progression of any individual scheme or programme in the Plan and funded by Transport for London budgets, will also be subject to the Council's democratic capital release procedures requiring final sign-off by the Leader of the Council and Cabinet Member for Finance, Property and Business Services.**

Reasons for recommendation

The Local Implementation Plan is the mechanism used by London boroughs to deliver locally the Mayor's Transport Strategy objectives and by which TfL provides funding to the boroughs towards this end. The London Borough of Hillingdon is required to prepare and submit to TfL by 28th October 2016 the Interim Local Implementation Plan Annual Spending Submission 2017/18. The Annual Spending Submission sets out the proposed expenditure on transport schemes on a project-by-project basis for the coming financial year.

Cabinet authority is required to agree the Plan in principle, delegating final sign-off before submission to the appropriate officer and Members.

Alternative options considered / risk management

The Council could decide not to submit an Annual Spending Submission for 2017/18. This would put at great risk the receipt of funding from TfL for investment in transport projects and programmes.

Policy Overview Committee comments

None at this stage.

3. INFORMATION

Supporting Information

In September 2013, Cabinet instructed officers to submit to TfL the Local Implementation Plan Local Implementation Plan Delivery Plan 2014/15 to 2016/17 which included each year thereafter submitting the Local Implementation Plan Annual Spending Submission. For each of the previous three years this task has been successfully completed generating a total grant settlement as set out in the following table:

Local Implementation Plan Programme	2014/15 £'000	2015/16 £'000	2016/17 £'000
Corridors, Neighbourhoods and Supporting Measures	2,670	2,559	2,684
Principal Road Maintenance	1,233	986	1,123
Local Transport Funding	100	100	100
Total	4,003	3,645	3,907

Authorisation is now sought to submit a 'one off' Interim Annual Spending Submission for 2017/18 as the original instruction by Cabinet in 2013 has now expired.

The Annual Spending Submission sets out the projects and programmes for which the Borough is seeking funding from TfL in the coming financial year. For each project or programme, the Annual Spending Submission includes details such as scheme title, scheme description, funding breakdown if joint funded, spend profile and details of how the scheme contributes to the Mayor's Transport Strategy.

In June 2016, TfL wrote to the Council providing guidance upon the preparation of the Annual Spending Submission for 2017/18. However, because the new Mayor had only recently been elected and his priorities are still being clarified, TfL were only able to provide Interim Guidance for 2017/18. Transport for London recommends that London boroughs continue to use the 2015/16 Annual Spending Submission Guidance issued by TfL in 2015. Boroughs are advised to plan their 2017/18 programmes based on 2016/17 funding levels; TfL mention that the calculation of borough funding levels for 2017/18 is currently work in progress. The Interim Guidance, however, does advise that cycling, bus stop accessibility, Crossrail Complementary Measures and air quality improvements should still be prioritised within boroughs' Local Implementation Plan Programmes for 2017/18.

As approved by Cabinet in 2013, schemes under Corridors, Neighbourhoods and Supporting Measures fall under one of eight sub headings. It is recommended that the Council continues to use these category headings in the 2017/18 Annual Spending Submission as they are unambiguous and clearly understood by both the Council and TfL.

1. *Transport Interchange and Improving the Public Realm.* This heading is for town centre and local shopping parade public realm improvement schemes and measure to improve interchange between modes such as cycle parking at stations.
2. *North South Corridors and Supporting Growth.* This heading includes schemes to support the local economy and the efficient movement of goods and people across the Borough.
3. *School Travel Plan and Local Road Safety Schemes.* Schemes to improve road safety fall under this heading, as do road safety initiatives around schools, some of which may have been identified through the preparation of School Travel Plans.
4. *Accessibility and Mobility.* This heading includes measures to improve the accessibility and mobility for people with disabilities for example bus stop accessibility, removal of street clutter, dropped kerbs and tactile paving.
5. *Parking Management Schemes.* This heading is for Parking Management Schemes and the Council's Stop and Shop initiative.
6. *Public Footpath Improvements.* This heading encompasses public footpath improvements whether to improve pedestrian access to key services and facilities or walking purely for leisure.
7. *Transport Impacts.* Scheme to tackle poor air quality and noise caused by transport is grouped under this heading as are schemes to improve residential amenity where for example heavy goods vehicles may intrude into residential areas.
8. *Road Safety, Active Travel and Public Health.* This heading covers road safety education, training and publicity, walking and cycling. It also includes and initiatives that make the link between transport and public health such as Dial-a-Ride or supporting Community Transport.

As instructed in the Interim Local Implementation Plan Annual Spending Submission Guidance 2017/18 it is proposed to submit the Council's Annual Spending Submission for Corridors, Neighbourhoods and Supporting Measures to a value of £2,684,000; Principal Road Maintenance £1,123,000 and Local Transport Funding £100,000. The Corridors,

Neighbourhoods and Supporting Measures submission will be apportioned amongst the 8 headings above.

Major Scheme Funding

The original budget for the Hayes Town Centre Major Scheme in 2016/17 was £2,476,144. However, due to an administrative error by TfL, the settlement for 2016/17 was £1,985,000. Transport for London have admitted their mistake and advised the Council to submit a claim for the difference, £490,563, in 2017/18. As discussed with TfL the Annual Spending Submission for 2017/18 will also include a claim of £490,563 to complete the Hayes Town Centre Major scheme.

Financial Implications

The current three year Local Implementation Plan funding period ends in 2016/17. At present the Mayor's Transport Strategy and TfL's Business Strategy for 2017/18 and beyond is under review and yet to be finalised hence interim guidance for the Local Implementation Plan has been issued requiring an Annual Spending Submission for 2017/18 only. The guidance for 2017/18 indicates that the authority should submit their Annual Spending Submission by 28th October 2016 and should be based on current guidance and funding levels.

The guidance stipulates that the submissions from the London boroughs should include a breakdown of the proposed expenditure on a project-by-project basis for the year ahead and for future years where appropriate (i.e. for projects that will extend beyond the year ahead). The submission should also identify any non Local Implementation Plan funding (e.g. the council's own capital and revenue funding and third party contributions such as Section 106) in project delivery.

In December 2015 TfL confirmed Hillingdon's 2016/17 Local Implementation Plan funding allocations as set out in the following table:

Local Implementation Plan Programme	2016/17 £'000
Corridors, Neighbourhoods and Supporting Measures	2,684
Principal Road Maintenance	1,123
Local Transport Funding	100
Local Implementation Plan Delivery Plan Sub Total	3,907
Major Scheme Hayes Town Centre	1,985
Total	5,892

On the basis of current funding levels officers will submit 2017/18 scheme spending proposals for a total of £3,907k in respect of the Local Implementation Plan Delivery Plan consisting of capital and revenue. The final split of capital and revenue will depend on the nature of scheme proposals, although it will be largely capital expenditure. The approved capital programme submitted to Cabinet in February assumes a baseline TfL grant funded capital expenditure budget of £3,000k for 2017/18 which will be refreshed once TfL confirm the final funding position for next year following the submission.

In 2014 the Hayes Town Centre Major Scheme original funding profile agreed with Transport for London included £2,476k in 2016/17 as shown in the table overleaf:

Local Implementation Plan Programme	2013/14 £'000	2014/15 £'000	2015/16 £'000	2016/17 £'000
Major Scheme Funding	200	302	1,985	2,476

However, in December 2015 the 2016/17 Local Implementation Plan confirmation letter from TfL repeated the funding level of £1,985k for 2015/16 rather than the correct figure of £2,476k for 2016/17. Although there has been acknowledgement from TfL that this was a misstatement it is required that the Council resubmit a claim for the gap of £491k in order to rectify the position.

4. EFFECT ON RESIDENTS, SERVICE USERS & COMMUNITIES

What will be the effect of the recommendation?

By submitting to TfL the Interim Local Implementation Plan Annual Spending Submission 2017/18 the Council can realistically expect to receive funding from TfL for investment in the transport network, town centres, transport interchange, road safety, mobility and accessibility, parking management, footpaths and public health.

Consultation Carried Out or Required

Full consultation is carried out as part of the implementation of each scheme as appropriate.

5. CORPORATE IMPLICATIONS

Corporate Finance

Corporate Finance has reviewed this report and notes that the Annual Spending Submission for 2017/18 is based on the assumption that current levels of Local Implementation Plan funding are maintained in the new financial year. A draft submission is in development by officers and will reflect local priorities. Current Government proposals for around 100% Business Rates Retention would see TfL funding sourced from local Business Rates income in future years, which should provide greater certainty around Local Implementation Plan allocations in the medium term.

Legal

The Borough Solicitor advises that the obligation on the Council to prepare a Local Implementation Plan arises under section 145 of the Greater London Authority Act 1999.

Corporate Property and Construction

There are no Corporate Property and Construction implications arising from the recommendations in this report.

6. BACKGROUND PAPERS

Interim Local Implementation Plan Annual Spending Submission Guidance: 2017/18, Transport for London (2016)

Local Implementation Plan Local Implementation Plan 2016/17 Annual Spending Submission Guidance, Transport for London (2015)