

TRANSPORT FOR LONDON, LOCAL IMPLEMENTATION PLAN THREE 2020/21 ANNUAL SPENDING SUBMISSION

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Cabinet Portfolio(s)	Cabinet Member for Planning, Transportation and Recycling
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Papers with report	None

HEADLINES

Summary	This report asks Cabinet to consider the content of the Transport for London Local Implementation Plan Three 2020/21 Annual Spending Submission and authorisation to prepare and submit this document to Transport for London.
Putting our Residents First	<p>This report supports the following Council objectives of: <i>Our People; Our Natural Environment; Our Built Environment; Our Heritage and Civic Pride; Strong financial management.</i></p> <p>The Council's adopted Local Plan Part 1 (2012) and Submitted Local Plan Part 2 (2018).</p>
Financial Cost	There are no direct financial costs arising from this report. The preparation of the Transport for London Local Implementation Plan Three 2020/21 Annual Spending Submission will enable the Council to secure funding from Transport for London for investment in transport projects and programmes.
Relevant Policy Overview Committee	Residents, Education and Environmental Services.
Relevant Ward(s)	All

RECOMMENDATIONS

That the Cabinet:

1. **Agrees the principles of the Council's Local Implementation Plan Three 2020/21 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 Annual Spending Submission before submission to Transport for London; and**
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 mechanism is used by London boroughs to deliver locally the Mayor's Transport Strategy 2018 outcomes and the means by which Transport for London (TfL) provides funding to the boroughs towards this end. The London Borough of Hillingdon is required to prepare and submit to TfL by 1st November 2019, the 2020/21 Annual Spending Submission. The 2020/21 Annual Spending Submission sets out the proposed expenditure on transport schemes and programmes on a project-by-project basis for the coming financial year.

Alternative options considered / risk management

Cabinet could decide not to submit the 2020/21 Annual Spending Submission but this would put at risk a significant amount of funding that TfL have indicated is available to the Council for investment in a range of transport schemes and programmes.

Democratic compliance / previous authority

Cabinet authority is required to respond to such consultations and also authorise submission of any bid to an external public body where a financial commitment or any agreement by the Council may be required.

Policy Overview Committee comments

None at this stage.

SUPPORTING INFORMATION

Transport for London Local Implementation Annual Spending Submission 2020/21

In March 2018 the Mayor of London published the Mayor's Transport Strategy (2018). This sets out his plans to "*transform London's streets, improve public transport and create opportunities for new homes and jobs*". To achieve this, the Mayor wants to encourage more people to walk, cycle and use public transport. The Greater London Authority Act 1999 requires each London borough to prepare Local Implementation Plans containing its proposals for the implementation of the MTS.

London Borough of Hillingdon's Local Implementation Plan Three (LIP3) submission which covers the period from 2019 to 2041 was approved by the Mayor of London on the 10th June 2019. As part of the approved LIP3 for the London Borough of Hillingdon, the Council's Annual Spending Submission for 2019/20 was approved providing a £2,373k allocation for Corridors; Neighbourhoods and Supporting Measures and £100k Local Transport Fund.

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

In July 2019, TfL wrote to the Council providing guidance upon the preparation of the Annual Spending Submission for 2020/21. In Appendix 3 of the guidance, TfL sets out the provisional allocations per Borough for two programmes Corridors, Neighbourhood and Supporting Measures and the Local Transport Fund. The allocations indicated for Hillingdon are £2,373k and £100k, respectively. The approval of these funds are subject to the submission of the Annual Spending Submission, which is required by TfL no later than 1st November 2019.

The guidance sets out the potential availability of other funding sources for Council's including Liveable Neighbourhoods; Maintenance Programmes; Mayor's Air Quality Fund and Borough Officer Training. Transport for London have indicated that these will be allocated via a bidding process, details of which will be provided to boroughs as they become available.

As approved by Cabinet back in 2013, projects under Corridors, Neighbourhoods and Supporting Measures fall under one of eight sub headings. The titles of these sub headings have been updated to reflect the terminology used in the Mayor's Transport Strategy. It is recommended that the Council uses these category headings in the 2020/21 Annual Spending Submission, as they are approved; unambiguous and clearly understood by both the Council and TfL.

1. *Transport Interchange and Healthy Streets*: This heading is for town centre and local shopping parade public realm improvement schemes and measures to facilitate interchange between modes such as cycle parking at stations. This will be delivered using the Healthy Streets approach set out in the Mayor's Transport Strategy.
2. *North-South links and Supporting Growth*: This heading includes schemes to support the local economy and the efficient movement of goods and people across the Borough.

3. *Vision Zero School Travel Plan and Local Road Safety Measures*: 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 for All*: This heading includes measures to improve the safety and convenience with which people with disabilities can move around the Borough, for example bus stop accessibility, benches, 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 Footpaths and Cycleways*: This heading encompasses public footpath and cycleway improvements whether creating new links, improving access to key services and facilities or walking/cycling purely for pleasure.
7. *Transport Impacts*: Schemes 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 Education, Training and Publicity and Travel Awareness*: This heading covers road safety education, training and publicity and the promotion of active travel - walking and cycling. It also included and initiatives that make the link between transport and public health.

As instructed, in the Local Implementation Plan Three 2020/21 Annual Spending Submission Guidance, it is proposed to submit the Council's Annual Spending Submission for Corridors, Neighbourhood and Supporting Measures to a value of £2,373,000 and Local Transport Funding £100,000. The Corridors, Neighbourhoods and Supporting Measures submission will be apportioned amongst the eight headings as already approved by TfL.

Financial Implications

In March 2018 The Mayor of London published the Mayor's Transport Strategy (2018). This sets out his plans to "*transform London's streets, improve public transport and create opportunities for new homes and jobs*". To achieve this, the Mayor wants to encourage more people to walk, cycle and use public transport. The Greater London Authority Act 1999 requires each London borough to prepare Local Implementation Plans containing their proposals for the implementation of the Mayor's Transport Strategy.

In July 2019, TfL wrote to the Council providing guidance upon the preparation of the Annual Spending submission for 2020/21. This should contain a detailed and costed programme of schemes and initiatives. In Appendix 3 of the guidance, TfL sets out the allocations per Borough for two programmes Corridors, Neighbourhood and Supporting Measures and the Local Transport Fund. The allocations indicated for Hillingdon are £2,373k and £100k, respectively. The approval of these funds are subject to the submission of the Annual Spending Submission, which is required by TfL no later than 1st November 2019.

In December 2018, TfL confirmed Hillingdon's 2019/20 Local Implementation Plan funding allocations as set out in the following table:

Local Implementation Plan Programme	2019/20 £000
Corridors and Neighbourhoods	2,373
Local Transport Fund	100
Total	2,473

On the basis of current funding levels for 2019/20, being the same as the indicative amount mentioned in appendix 3 of the guidance officers will submit the 2020/21 scheme spending proposals for a total of £2,473k 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. The approved capital programme submitted to Cabinet in February 2019 assumes a baseline TfL grant funded expenditure budget of £2,473k for 2020/21, of which £1,000k was assumed for principal roads and £2,473k for the Local Implementation Plan, this will be refreshed once TfL confirm the final funding position for next year following the submission.

RESIDENT BENEFIT & CONSULTATION

The benefit or impact upon residents, service users and communities?

By producing and submitting to TfL the 2020/21 Annual Spending Submission, the Council can realistically expect to receive funding from TfL for investment in local transport schemes and programmes. These schemes and programmes include town centre enhancements, transport interchange, road safety, mobility and accessibility, parking management, footpaths and public health. This investment will benefit Hillingdon residents, service users and community by supporting the local economy, improving public health and protecting the environment.

Consultation carried out or required

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

CORPORATE CONSIDERATIONS

Corporate Finance

Corporate Finance has reviewed this report and associated financial implications, noting that the recommendations outlined above are intended to enable the Council to secure grant funding from Transport for London to deliver improvements to local transport infrastructure. The Council's Medium Term Financial Forecast incorporates an estimate of funding available through this route, which will be refined over the coming months and confirmed as part of the broader budget setting report in February 2019.

Legal

In accordance with section 144, London borough councils, such as Hillingdon Council exercising transport functions must have regard to the Transport Strategy.

It is a legal requirement under the section 145 of the Greater London Authority Act 1999 for borough councils such as Hillingdon Council, to prepare a Local Implementation Plan (LIP), after the Mayor has published his Transport Strategy.

Section 145 requires the Council to set out their own proposals on how they intend to put the transport strategy into effect in their respective areas. The councils are required to consult various bodies and must include a timetable for when they intend to implement the proposals in their plan.”

The Council in preparing the implementation plan is to consult the following individuals and or organisations: a) the Commissioner of Police for the Borough, b) TfL, c) such organisations representative of disabled persons as the Council considers appropriate, d) any other neighbouring Councils which may be affected by the implementation plan, and e) any other body or person that the Mayor of London directs the Council to consult with.

The draft LIP also falls within the definition of a ‘plan or programme’ under the Environmental Assessment of Plans and Programmes Regulations 2004 such that it must be subject to a strategic environmental assessment.

Section 146 provides for the Mayor to approve each local plan, ensuring that they adequately implement the transport strategy. The Mayor must not approve a plan unless he is satisfied that it is consistent with the strategy, and that the proposals in it are adequate to implement the strategy and that the timetable for implementation is adequate for those purposes.

Section 147 gives the Mayor various means by which he can ensure that a plan is prepared to his satisfaction if a council fails to do so and can recover the cost of preparing a plan himself in default.”

Section 151 provides that once a plan has been approved the Council must implement it according to the timetable in the plan. A plan prepared by the Mayor for a council will be treated as if the council itself had written it.”

Section 152 provides that if the Mayor considers that a council has not carried out any proposal in its LIP satisfactorily and according to the timetable in the plan, he will be able to exercise the appropriate powers of the council, at their expense, in order to fulfil the strategy.”

BACKGROUND PAPERS

Transport for London Local Implementation Plan Three 2020/21 Annual Spending Submission Guidance (July 2019)