



COUNCIL CABINET
15 July 2020

ITEM 10

Report sponsor: Simon Riley, Director of
Financial Services
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Compliance with Contract and Financial Procedure Rules

Purpose

- 1.1 • Acceptance of Funding – Department for Transport (DfT)

Recommendations

- 2.1 To accept £0.262m Access Fund grant from the (DfT) to enable the continuation of existing Access Fund projects.

Reasons

- 3.2 To ensure seamless delivery of Access Fund projects into 2020/21 and maintain delivery of essential smarter choices projects, including those currently supporting key workers. The fund supports the local economy by delivering access to new and existing employment, education and training and increasing levels of physical activity through walking and cycling.

Supporting information

4. Department for Transport – Access Funding

- 4.1 Derby City Council and project lead Nottingham City Council have received an offer of funding from the (DfT) for an extension to Access Fund projects for a year beyond the original three-year grant period. This follows an invitation from the DfT to apply for an extension.
- 4.2 Access Fund Projects include a range of services including personalised travel planning, cycle training, bike maintenance, business and community engagement, events and promotions.
- 4.3 Approval was given to submit a joint bid led by Nottingham City Council to the DfT to the Access Fund Cabinet on 7th September 2016. An offer was made for three years of funding for the period 2017/18 to 2019/20 which was accepted under delegated approval by the Strategic Director of Communities & Place.

- 4.4 Match funding of 10% was required and was met from LTP capital budgets and other eligible grant expenditure such as the Local Growth Fund. The match funding is available for 2020/21 to support this further allocation.
- 4.5 A one-year extension to the grant has been offered on the same terms by the DfT and this report seeks approval to accept this grant
- 4.6 It is recommended to accept £0.262m Access Fund grant from the Department for Transport (DfT) to enable the continuation of existing Access Fund projects.

Public/stakeholder engagement

- 5.1 Bid developed in partnership with external providers, engagement via Active Travel Forum and communicated via DCC press office.

Other options

- 6.1 None arising.

Financial and value for money issues

- 7.1 As detailed in the report.

Legal implications

- 8.1 None arising.

Other significant implications

- 9.1 Equality implications, including promoting and enhancing equality needs to be examined in each project that is funded.

This report has been approved by the following people:

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