



**URGENT LEADER OF THE COUNCIL
CABINET MEMBER MEETING
27 November 2019**

ITEM 5

Report sponsor: Strategic Director of
Communities and Place
Report author: Acting Director of Planning and
Transportation

Compliance with Contract and Financial Procedure Rules

Purpose

- 1.1 This report is to ensure that approvals are obtained to enable the Council to enter into agreements with Nottingham City Council and collaborating parties, in relation to the Transforming Cities Fund, as required under Contract and Financial Procedure rules.

Recommendations

- 2.1 To approve entering into a collaboration agreement setting out overarching principles, with Nottingham City Council and any other Transforming Cities Fund (TCF) collaborators.
- 2.2 To approve joint working with Derbyshire and Nottingham County Councils to carry out improvements, using funding from the TCF.
- 2.3 To delegate authority to the Strategic Director of Communities and Place, in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Regeneration, Planning and Transportation and the Strategic Director of Corporate Resources to make executive decisions on the detail of the collaboration agreement, future revisions and other similar formal joint working agreements to ensure that the programme and projects can continue to progress as effectively and efficiently as possible.

Reason

- 3.1 To comply with Councils Contract and Financial Procedure rules.

Supporting information

- 4.1 TCF is part of the National Industry Strategy and aims to increase productivity and growth in investment in public and sustainable transport. It is focused on intra-city connectivity.
- 4.2 On 12 December 2018 Cabinet approved the Tranche 1 bid which was developed jointly with Nottingham City Council, and subsequently £8.345m was awarded from the Department for Transport (DFT) in March 2019.

- 4.4 To provide the intra-city connectivity as detailed within the Tranche 1 bid, there will be a requirement to work with Derbyshire and Nottinghamshire County Councils to continue the improvement of transport links and promotion of local growth. Specifically the sum of £155,000 has been identified to support bus priority improvements on the network, which will improve journey times between Derbyshire and Nottingham and Derby. The procurement process for this element has brought forward the current collaboration agreement for Tranche 1.
- 4.5 On 13 November 2019 Cabinet approved the delegation to Strategic Director of Communities and Place following consultation with the Cabinet Member for Regeneration, Planning and Transport and the Strategic Director of Corporate Resources to submit a bid for Tranche 2 of the Transforming Cities Fund.
- 4.6 The Tranche 2 funding bid contains for themes. Each theme has been valued with low, medium and high estimates. The Derby-Nottingham combined low programme package is likely to be around £90m (Derby specific £38m) with a high programme package value of around £165m (Derby specific £65m).

The funding will be awarded as capital. The life of the fund, currently 2022/23, but it may change as the announcement and release of funding will be delayed by the general election. Local contributions (which may be private sector and the Council capital programme and other investment funding) are welcomed and add strength to bids but match funding is not specified as a requirement for the award of funding

- 4.7 The bids for both Tranche 1 and 2 have been ‘co-produced’ with the DFT. The future assessment and selection of themes and value packages by the DFT will determine what we will be required to deliver. This will guide a review of the collaboration agreement and subsequent agreements to ensure that the programme and projects can be delivered.

At this point in time the collaboration agreement is required for the bus priority schemes in Tranche 1, and as evidence to support the Tranche 2 bid, and demonstrate that arrangements are in place to support the commitment of the two cities to work together.

Nottingham City Council acts as the Lead Authority and Accountable Body for the entire TCF and funding is allocated to Derby or Nottingham projects, and projects for the joint area, as outlined in the spend profiles, which will be announced by DFT at a later date.

Public/stakeholder engagement

- 5.1 Engagement with key stakeholders, such as neighbouring authorities and local businesses has been carried out during the development process.
- 5.2 Engagement with key stakeholders will continue as the outcome of the bidding process emerges.

Other options

- 6.1 The funding will benefit citizens through the delivery of public transport and cycling improvements.

Financial and value for money issues

- 7.1 The financial implications of the agreement will be in line with the TCF bids and as outlined in the main body of this report.

Legal implications

- 8.1 Legal Services have advised on the drafting of the initial collaboration agreement and will advise on any future review and subsequent programme and project delivery agreements.

Other significant implications

- 9.1 None directly arising

This report has been approved by the following people:

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