

Report sponsor: Director of Planning, Transport
and Engineering
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2021/22 Capability Fund - Approval to Accept

Purpose

- 1.1 The report seeks delegated approval to accept a revenue grant of £270,000 to continue essential active travel projects in the city.

Recommendations

- 2.1 To delegate approval to accept £270,000 of revenue funding from the Department for Transport to the Strategic Director of Communities and Place , for the delivery of the 2021/22 Capability Fund.

Reasons

- 3.1 To comply with the Council's Contract and Financial Procedure Rules.
- 3.2 To ensure the continued and seamless delivery of existing active travel schemes in order to meet the objectives of the Capability Fund.
- 3.3 The Capability Fund projects will be delivered in partnership between the Council and third parties, or directly by third parties. The DCC programme lead is currently working with providers to refine and enhance the scope of existing projects, aligned to other key active travel programmes, such as the Active Travel Fund 2.
- 3.4 The majority of projects included in the Capability Fund programme were commissioned as part of the Access Fund programme and will be extended via existing contracts. This includes the joint projects are procured and contract managed by Nottingham City Council.

Supporting information

- 4.1 On the 3 March 2021 the Department for Transport notified all Combined and Local transport authorities of their indicative revenue funding allocations for 2021/22 under the new one-year Local Authority Capability Fund.
- 4.2 This new fund replaces the Access Fund programme, of which previous allocations for Derby activities has been awarded to Nottingham City Council. Recent changes to how the funding is being administered means that Derby City Council will be directly awarded £270,000.

- 4.3 During the pandemic with public transport severely limited due to the risk of infection, there was a huge number of requests from frontline workers asking for help to access bikes as a safe mode of travel. The Access fund programme provides a valuable role in helping to fund cycling initiatives that enabled key workers to deliver essential services at the height of the pandemic.
- 4.4 The award of funding is subject to competition of an online 'light touch' proforma by 19th April 2021 to demonstrate how the funding will be spent to meet the DfT's objectives.

Public/stakeholder engagement

- 5.1 n/a

Other options

- 6.1 n/a

Financial and value for money issues

- 7.1 All projects in the Capability Fund have gone through a light touch bench costing exercise to ensure compliance with DfT objectives. No match funding is required from the Council

Legal implications

- 8.1 n/a

Climate implications

- 9.1 The Capability Fund will provide a range of projects that encourage and support individuals of all ages and backgrounds to use active travel modes and help reduce congestion and improve air quality in the city.

Other significant implications

- 10.1 n/a

This report has been approved by the following people:

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Service Director(s)	Verna Bayliss	13 April 2021
Report sponsor	Verna Bayliss	13 April 2021
Other(s)		

Background papers:
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