COUNCIL CABINET 12 December 2018



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Planning and Transportation



Compliance with Contract and Financial Procedure Rules

Purpose

- 1.1 This report deals with the following items that require reporting to and approval by Council Cabinet under Contract and Financial Procedure rules:
 - To ensure that necessary approvals are obtained before a bid for external funding is submitted and an award of funding is made

Recommendation

2.1 To approve to delegate to the Strategic Director for Communities and Place following consultation with the Cabinet Member for Regeneration and Public Protection and the Strategic Director of Corporate Resources, the decision to submit a bid to the Transforming Cities Fund and to also accept the anticipated award of funding subject to acceptable grant conditions.

Reason

3.1 To comply with the Council's Contract and Financial Procedure rules.

Supporting information

- 4.1 The TCF is part of the National Industrial Strategy and aims to increase productivity and growth in investment in public and sustainable transport. It is focused on intracity connectivity
- 4.2 Half of the £1.7bn funding was given directly to the Mayoral Combined Authorities, for the rest there was a call for other cities to submit an expression of interest or EOI. This did not require specific projects or figures to be submitted but to give an overview of strategic aims, transport barriers and analysis of the demographics of the area.
- 4.3 Nottingham City Council submitted a Metro EOI in June on behalf of both cities. The vision is to connect our communities to where we have significant growth: East Midlands Airport, our Enterprise Zones and Toton HS2 Hub.

- 4.4 In October the Department of Transport (DFT) confirmed that the Derby-Nottingham Metro Area was one of ten successful city regions in October. The funding is 100% capital and there is no requirement for match however the DfT will consider business cases in the round, the greater the overall local contribution towards the costs and the more the contribution is from the private sector and other external organisations, the more positively the business case will be considered in the assessment process.
- 4.5 The funding has two bidding rounds; Tranche 1 Early Delivery Small Schemes, requiring bid submission on 4 January 2019 and Tranche 2 Main Programme with a deadline towards the end of 2019.
- 4.6 The DFT released the guidance for Tranche 1 bids at the end of November. Any successful bid funding for Tranche 1 will be subject to terms and conditions set out in the offer letter. Due to restrictions of time in bid development and spend, we have been advised to focus building on current assets in support of our vision and to improve active travel, including cycling, and smarter technology in public transport. The Tranche 1 award is likely to be up to a value of £10m between both cities. The DFT is aiming to release the funding in late February 2019.
- 4.7 For Tranche 2 we will have to develop detailed 'co-produced' business case bids in conjunction with regional and national DFT representatives. At present, we do not have the full guidance on this stage 2 process but anticipate that any funding will need to be spent within the life of the fund which was extended at the Autumn budget to 2022/23.

Public/stakeholder engagement

5.1 Engagement with stakeholders will form part of the plan for the Tranche 2 bid development but has been restrictive due to the timescales for Tranche 1.

Other options

6.1 Not applicable

Financial and value for money issues

7.1 As detailed in the main body of the report.

Legal implications

8.1 None directly arising.

Other significant implications

9.1 Personnel

None directly arising.

9.2 **IT**

None directly arising.

9.3 Equalities Impact

9.4 **Health and Safety**

None directly arising.

9.5 **Environmental Sustainability**

None directly arising.

9.6 **Property and Asset Management**

None directly arising.

9.7 Risk Management

None directly arising.

9.8 Corporate objectives and priorities for change

None directly arising.

This report has been approved by the following people:

Role	Name	Date of sign-off
Legal		
Finance		
Service Director(s)		
Report sponsor		
Other(s)		