

Date of meeting:	24 June 2019
Title of Report:	<b>Tranche I: Transforming Cities Fund</b>
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Key Decision:	Yes
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## **Purpose of Report**

Per section 4.5 of Part C and section 14 of Part F of the Constitution, urgent key decisions are required to be reported to the next ordinary Council meeting after they were taken. The report sets out the urgent key decision taken by the Leader on Tranche I of the Transforming Cities Fund.

The Transforming Cities Fund aims to drive up productivity through improved connections between urban centres and suburbs. This will be achieved by investing in infrastructure which improves public and sustainable transport connectivity in some of England's largest cities. Plymouth is one of twelve city regions successfully selected to bid for this funding award.

## **Recommendations and Reasons**

Recommendation: That Council note the urgent key decision taken by the Leader in line with due process and published on 13 June 2019.

Reason: Council is required to note urgent key decisions taken per the Constitution. The reasons for the urgency of the decision was:

- The funding for Tranche I of the Transforming Cities Fund needs to be spent within this financial year (2019/20).
- Spend could not occur before a formal decision was made.
- The funding was time critical and projects were at an impasse until a formal decision was made.
- The programme was deemed low risk, only £57,765 of SI06/PCC funding will be added to the capital programme compared with the £7,594,850 external award.
- A decision could not have been taken any earlier as the announcement was just before the pre-election period.

**Alternative options considered and rejected**

There were a number of consequences if the decision had not been taken:

- We would need to return £7,594,850 to the Department for Transport.
- This in turn would make it more difficult to secure funding in the future.
- This in turn would delay investment in infrastructure needed to bring forward the growth of the city.
- This could undermine the delivery of the Joint Local Plan.

This would ultimately have impacted upon the growth of the city.

**Relevance to the Corporate Plan and/or the Plymouth Plan**

The decision supports the Joint Local Plan (JLP) through the delivery of schemes on the Infrastructure Needs Assessment and supporting the policies of the JLP, specifically:

Policy SPT9, Strategic principles for transport planning and strategy

We will deliver an integrated approach to transport and planning, delivering a strategic approach to transport based upon the following key principles within that policy:

1. Suitable growth as a key driver behind the transport strategy within Plymouth, whilst making sure that transport is delivered in the most health promoting and environmentally responsible manner;  
4. Seeking to reduce the impact of severance caused by transport networks, enabling more journeys by walking, cycling and public transport and providing genuine alternative ways to travel from home to work and other facilities;

5. Providing realistic sustainable transport choices and increasing the integration of transport modes so that people have genuine alternative ways to travel.

8. Adopting a hierarchy of transport modes and routes based upon different spatial settings (regional, city, market town and neighbourhood / billage).

Partnership working, with local and regional partners, realising greater benefits over the life of the plan and beyond.

**Implications for the Medium Term Financial Plan and Resource Implications:**

The funding package of schemes within the TCF bid was made up as follows:

Transforming Cities Fund	£7,594,850
PCC Revenue Budget	£2,000
Additional S106 contributions	<u>£55,765</u>
<b>To be added to PCC Capital Programme</b>	<b>£7,652,615</b>
Existing Capital Programme	£3,981,872
External Contribution	£280,000
<b>PROJECT TOTAL</b>	<b>£11,914,487</b>
(Risk Allowance of Total)	£ 1,787,173.05 (15%)

**Carbon Footprint (Environmental) Implications:**

Encouraging sustainable transport use is a central element of the programme.

**Other Implications: e.g. Health and Safety, Risk Management, Child Poverty:**

*\* When considering these proposals members have a responsibility to ensure they give due regard to the Council's duty to promote equality of opportunity, eliminate unlawful discrimination and promote good relations between people who share protected characteristics under the Equalities Act and those who do not.*

All health and safety aspects of the schemes will be subject to detailed review. Risk management will be employed for all projects in receipt of the funding per usual project management principles.

**Appendices**

\*Add rows as required to box below

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A	Executive Decision: Transforming Cities Fund Tranche 1							

**Background papers:**

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