

# Transport, Infrastructure & Strategic Housing Scrutiny Panel

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<b>REPORT OF</b>	Carolina Borgstrom, Director of Economy, Environment and Infrastructure
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## CONTRIBUTION TO OUR AIMS

Additional funding awarded through the Local Transport Grant (LTG) is being used to focus on projects that contribute towards improving local transport provision and infrastructure and will contribute towards a Stronger Economy by improving strategic infrastructure, improving journey times and tackling congestion, resulting in a more efficient network supporting residents and businesses. Which follow the DfT guidance for the grant.

Works to improve the accessibility of the transportation network facilitated through this transit systems and create Stronger Communities through promotion and access to active travel facilities, benefiting local people and community connectivity.

## EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Following receipt of £6.124m of grant funding from the Department for Transport's Local Transport Grant (LTG) via the Greater Lincolnshire Mayoral Combined Authority a list of highway infrastructure projects has been developed and approved by the Portfolio Holder for Housing, Infrastructure and Transport (PHHIT).

## MATTERS FOR CONSIDERATION

Scrutiny to review and consider the schemes proposed to be delivered utilising the Local Transport Grant capital funding.

### 1. BACKGROUND AND ISSUES

- 1.1. This report provides a summary of the projects to be taken forward utilising the LTG grant funding that has been provided to NELC. The Local Transport Grant is a one-year capital grant that tops up the Council's Integrated Transport Block (ITB) funding received through the DfT's Local Transport Plan capital grant.
- 1.2. In 2025/26, £25,247,000 of capital funding has been awarded to the Greater Lincolnshire Combined County Authority. In line with agreed protocols, North East Lincolnshire Council has received an allocation of £6,124,000 from the Mayoral Authority.
- 1.3. In addition to the schemes below, funding has been identified to recruit two new LTG posts, a LTG Commissioning Lead and an additional Highway Engineer role to support the Highway Design Team to deliver these projects.
- 1.4. Following an evaluation of potential schemes the following are supported by the Portfolio Holder for Housing, Infrastructure and Transport to be progressed in 2025/26.

Name	Description	Budget estimate
A180 Alexandra Dock Bridge	Contribution to wider structural maintenance project.	£1,000,000
Corporation Bridge	Contribution to wider structural renovation of Corporation Bridge project.	£1,000,000
Abbey Walk / Burgess St car parks	Contribution to wider car parking improvement projects in Grimsby Town centre.	£500,000
Transport Interchange	Contribution to the development and implementation of a new Transport Interchange in Grimsby Town centre.	£500,000
A1173 Kings Rd carriageway resurfacing	Kiln Lane roundabout to Kings Road junction. Carriageway maintenance ahead of anticipated increase in HGV traffic associated with development in that area.	£900,000
Streetlighting structural failures	Addressing existing street lighting columns which have failed their structural integrity tests. Works are at sites across the Borough. Approximately 300 units to be replaced, subject to 2025 testing.	£500,000
Renewal of lines and signs	Borough wide programme to improve the overall condition of carriageway markings and road signs and bring sites up to current safety standards. Sites prioritised based on asset condition, classification of road and overall value for money.	£500,000
Replacement Speed Indication Devices (SIDs)	Borough wide programme of asset replacement works to address failing units that are not economically viable to repair. SIDs are prioritised based on the Speed Management Plan which is a risk-based prioritisation assessment of traffic speeds, volumes and risk of injury collisions.	£200,000
Peterhouse pedestrian safety and accessibility improvements	Package of multiple projects to address difficulties that the mainly elderly residents including traffic calming measures, dropped kerbs and footway improvements.	£200,000
Motorhome site resurfacing	Surfacing improvements of the Boating Lake motorhome park.	£175,000
Real Time Information	Replacement of existing TFT screens with new units.	£100,000
Winter service compact gritter	Purchase of new machinery to support highway response to winter service and other works.	£55,000

## **2. RISKS, OPPORTUNITIES AND EQUALITY ISSUES**

- 2.1 The delivery of the projects through the LTG funding presents a number of opportunities including:
- Supporting the effective management of the Council's highway assets.
  - Improving road safety.
  - Supporting the wider regeneration of key areas within Grimsby Town centre.
  - Supporting tourism and the visitor economy in Cleethorpes.
  - Ensuring that the Council can effectively carry out its Winter Service
  - Improving pedestrian accessibility in an area where many of the residents are older or have mobility impairments.
- 2.2 These LTG projects are closely aligned with the Council's strategic outcomes of Stronger Economy and Stronger Communities and as such, supports (and are supported by) other key Council strategies such as the Local Plan and the NELC Carbon Roadmap. It therefore presents a low strategic risk.
- 2.3 Schemes are fully funded via grants from Government and as such will not require any additional funding from Council reserves. The use of additional funding means that other capital funding for highways (such as the annual LTP capital budget) can be used to deliver other priority schemes. Schemes therefore represent a low financial risk.
- 2.4 As with the delivery of any infrastructure scheme the works are not without the usual, procurement and site risks. Works are to be managed in a similar way to those delivered through the annual LTP programme. This includes an agreed approach to risk management including key gateway sign offs, a requirement to follow NELC procurement procedures and the supervision of works on site. The risk of non or poor delivery is therefore low.
- 2.5 The delivery of projects utilising the LTG funding is unlikely to require the collection and use of any personal data. Projects are unlikely to have any significant differential impact on any of the protected characteristic groups, it is therefore considered that there will be no significant equality issues arising as a result of these schemes.

## **3. REPUTATION AND COMMUNICATIONS CONSIDERATIONS**

- 3.1. There are potential positive/negative reputational implications for the Council resulting from the delivery of these projects. Individual comms plans will be drawn up for each project.

## **4. FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS**

- 4.1. The projects listed above are wholly funded through the LTG funding from the DFT. They therefore represent additional projects to the normal day-to-day works through the Council's Local Transport Plan programme.

As a fixed pot of funding any overspend incurred in the delivery of these projects will need to be covered by the Council. This is acknowledged and schemes have

been developed to be scalable meaning that any under or overspend in one programme area can be offset by another scheme by simply 'doing more' or 'doing less'

## **5. CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE IMPLICATIONS**

- 5.1. The completion of these projects is unlikely to have implications specifically related to children and young people.

## **6. CLIMATE CHANGE, NATURE RECOVERY AND ENVIRONMENTAL IMPLICATIONS**

- 6.1. The completion of these projects is unlikely to have any significant implications on climate change; nature recover or the wider environment.

## **7. MONITORING COMMENTS**

- 7.1. In the opinion of the author, this report does not contain recommended changes to policy or resources (people, finance or physical assets). As a result, no monitoring comments have been sought from the Council's Monitoring Officer (Chief Legal Officer), Section 151 Officer (Director of Finance) or Strategic Workforce Lead.

## **8. WARD IMPLICATIONS**

- 8.1. Projects delivered utilising the LTG funding are likely to affect all Wards.

## **9. BACKGROUND PAPERS**

- 9.1. None

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