



Buckinghamshire County Council

Report

Cabinet Member for
Planning & Transportation

Date:	25 April 2001	Decision to be taken on or after: 1 May 2001
Title:	(1) Transportation Capital Budget for 2001/02 Allocation of Local Transport Plan Budget	CM Decision No: PT1/01
	(2) Associated Virement	
Author:	Head of Transportation	
Electoral Divisions Affected:	All	
Recommendation	The Cabinet Member responsible for Planning and Transportation is invited to APPROVE	
	1 The detailed capital expenditure programme for 2001/2002, as described in this report and outlined in Table 1, and	
	2 The one-off virement of £200,000 from Structural Maintenance and Surface Dressing to Transport Strategy to fund transportation studies.	

1 ALLOCATION OF LTP FUNDS

The Block Allocations

In its acceptance of the Council's Local Transport Plan (LTP) for 2001-2006, the Government afforded borrowing approval to the Council, totalling £13.027m for 2001/02. This support was subdivided into two branches, namely: maintenance and integrated transport strategies. This report sets out, and seeks support for, the allocation of funds between the detailed work categories in a manner which closely relates to the original bids made in support of the LTP submission.

The Table 1, attached to this report, shows the detailed work categories and, in the first column, the detailed amounts set out in the originally submitted LTP bid document. In response to the bid, the Government indicated its support of £8.227m for maintenance and

£4.800m for integrated transport. The second column in the table indicates how it is proposed these sums should be subdivided between the various work categories.

In announcing its support, the Government has indicated that it is at the discretion of individual Councils to decide how the various sums are allocated. This flexibility would enable a start to be made on a lamp column replacement programme and a sum of £150,000 has been included from the maintenance allocation.

Major Schemes

In 2000, the Council resolved to promote the A418, Wing Bypass, and the improvement of A418, between Wing and Aylesbury, as its next major highways project, following the A4146, Stoke Hammond and Linslade Western Bypass. Strong support was given to this proposal by Government in its LTP settlement. Historically it has been necessary to fund the early feasibility/development work for such schemes from our own capital funding. This would currently be difficult to achieve. However, the LTP settlement makes it clear that LTP funding can now be used for such expenditure. A sum of £368,000 is indicated for this work in Table 1, during the current year.

For Tingewick, a residual amount of £15,000 was accepted and will be provided as 50% SCA and 50% TSG.

The A4146, Stoke Hammond and Linslade Western Bypass, is a provisionally accepted scheme and some £1.366m SCA is currently being held back pending resolution of whether the scheme should be funded conventionally or as a PFI project.

2 ASSOCIATED VIREMENT

In recognition of the fact that Councils may find it difficult to afford revenue to undertake items of work required to supplement, or support, capital transportation expenditure, it has been suggested that Councils could, for appropriate activities, allocate LTP capital funds to some former revenue costs, (provided we can satisfy the auditor that the costs are properly charged to capital), thereby releasing transportation revenue for other transportation items which must be funded by revenue. The total budget available for non-principal road structural maintenance is £4.434m. This sum includes £406,000 of revenue funding. The replacement of some of this revenue funding with capital from the LTP would enable the promotion of transport activities, such as specific transport studies, outlined within the individual LTP Area Strategies Budget programmes, including the Beaconsfield Transportation Study. Approval is, therefore, sought for a virement of £200,000 from the Structural Maintenance and Surface Dressing Service Plan to the Transport Strategy Service Plan to fund the various studies.

Decision Taken:

Signed: _____ (General Manager/Head of Service)

in consultation with

_____ (Cabinet Member)

Date:

Background Papers

Representations

Any representations regarding this proposed decision should be made to Head of Cabinet Support by 5pm on 30 April 2001. This can be done by telephone (to 01296 382966), Fax (to 01296 383441), or e-mail to cabinet@buckscc.gov.uk

For further information please contact: John Currell (Head of Transportation) on 01296 382420

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