

## CCRTA MEETING 25 JANUARY 2018

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### **LOCAL TRANSPORT FUND**

### **REPORT OF CCRTA LEAD DIRECTOR**

### **AGENDA ITEM: 7**

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#### **Reason for this Report**

1. To provide an update on the progress of the 2017/18 Local Transport Fund grant for developing and delivering strategic transport interventions for the Cardiff Capital Region.
2. To seek support of the CCRTA for the submission of a further Local Transport Fund bid for 2018/19 in order to secure further funding for the development of regional schemes and programmes.

#### **Background**

3. For 2017/18 the Welsh Government awarded Local Transport Funding of £360,000 to Rhondda Cynon Taf County Borough Council (RCTCBC), as lead authority, acting on behalf of the authorities within the Cardiff Capital Region Transport Authority (CCRTA) area. The funding was secured with the intention of funding initial development of Regional Transport Interventions, including:
  - Strategic Park and Ride at Rail Stations supporting the two cities, with local park and ride facilities being developed at key nodes across the region;
  - Improvements to busy railway and bus stations, ensuring good interconnectivity between both modes of transport, alongside enhancements to active travel access;
  - Strategic Bus Corridors - a packaged group of Making Better Use Improvements to the highways infrastructure across the Region to improve travel times on key bus corridors, including infrastructure at waiting areas.
4. In order to complement the City Deal Metro investment, it is essential that strategic transport projects and programmes that could have a significant impact on economic activity across the region are developed.

5. RCTCBC as the lead local authority was allocated funding in support of the regional proposals. This was subsequently allocated to individual authorities following a scheme/programme review. A full breakdown of the funding allocations can be found in Appendix 1.

### **Current Position**

6. Work has been progressing well on the individual scheme allocations. It has been reported that initial commissions have been undertaken and relevant studies are ongoing, more specifically:
  - Sustrans have been commissioned by RCT and produced a draft Phase 1 report on Propensity of Actively Travel to Rail stations;
  - Bridgend is developing proposals to resolve strategic network constraints focussed on M4 Junction 36 with the intent of managing existing traffic congestion and capacity issues whilst enhancing connectivity for public transport and active travel.
  - Newport and Cardiff CC have been jointly developing initial feasibility work on bus corridor proposals linking the two cities.
  - Cardiff CC is ahead of schedule on the eastern bus corridor scheme.
  - Mott McDonald have been commissioned, via Transport for Wales, to undertake strategic modelling exercises on; M4 junction 34 to A48 Sycamore Cross (airport link road), strategic P&R sites, bus corridor patronage and journey times, utilising the South East Wales Transport Model.
  - As a quick win, RCTCBC have completed construction of Phase 1 of Abercynon Park and Ride, creating an additional 12 spaces within the existing park and ride facility, at a cost of £25k. Phase 2 (potentially 300+ spaces) is undergoing ground investigation and detailed design, leading to a planning application being submitted by the end of March 2018.

### **Next Steps**

7. It is proposed to submit a further bid on behalf of the CCRTA authorities for 2018/19 funding through the Welsh Government Local Transport Fund. A bid for £200k is proposed to enable further scheme development of strategic projects across the region.

### **Issues**

8. A bid for funding for 2018/19 must be submitted by 26<sup>th</sup> January 2018.

### **Financial Implications**

9. Any funding awarded will need to be spent by March 31<sup>st</sup> 2019.
10. It is proposed that funding will be managed by the CCR Transport Officer Group with support from Council staff.

### **Legal Implications**

11. In this case the support of the CCRTA is sought to submit a joint bid for grant funding. For completeness and to the extent this matter falls outside of the remit of the sub-committee, the approval of individual authorities will also be sought to this joint submission on behalf of the ten Councils. In considering how any monies awarded will be spent, regard should be had to the Councils' duties under the Well-being of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015 and all other legal duties.

### **Equalities Impact Statement**

12. A screening pro forma has been completed. A full Equalities Assessment is not required.

### **Reasons for Recommendations**

13. In support of the CCRTA responsibilities outlined in the City Deal agreement.

### **RECOMMENDATIONS**

It is recommended that the CCRTA supports the submission of a bid by a lead authority acting on behalf of the region for Welsh Government Local Transport Fund grant in the sum of £200k.

**Roger Waters**  
**CCRTA Lead Director**  
**24<sup>th</sup> January 2018**

*The following Appendix is attached:*

Appendix 1: Breakdown of 2017/18 Local Transport Fund Allocations for Regional Transport Interventions.

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**Breakdown of the £360,000**

Bridgend CBC	Scheme Development – Network Improvements – M4 Jct 36/A4061	£15,000
Cardiff CC	Traffic Modelling – Eastern Bus Corridor	£15,000
Monmouthshire CC	Feasibility Study – Severn Tunnel Jct Park and Ride	£15,000
Rhondda Cynon Taf CBC	Abercynon Park and Ride Phase 1 (Construction) and Phase 2 (Development)	£125,000
Caerphilly	Detailed Design and Planning – Ystrad Mynach Park and Ride	£20,000
Newport CC	Feasibility Study – Newport to Cardiff Bus Corridor	£30,000
Modelling	To identify M4 Junction 34 to A48 Sycamore Cross Link Road impact, strategic P&R sites, review bus corridors patronage and journey times	£110,000
Active Travel	Active Travel to Stations Phase 1 and 2	£10,000
Project Management		£20,000