


Report to:	Environment and Neighbourhood Committee	Date:	17 October 2019
Report title:	Local Implementation Plan Allocation 2020/21		
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Ward/Areas affected:	Borough Wide		
Chair of Committee/Lead Member:	Councillor Manuel Abellan		
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Corporate Plan Priorities:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Being Active • Making Informed choices • Living Well Independently • Keeping People Safe 		
Open/Exempt:	Open		
Signed:	 Mary Morrissey	Date:	02 October 2019

1. Summary

- 1.1 This report outlines the proposed schemes for inclusion in the 2020/21 bid to Transport for London (TfL). It also provides commentary from the six Local Committees, who have all considered the schemes listed at Appendix A, which comprise the annual submission. The schemes will complement the borough's Ambitious for Sutton programme, where they will contribute to the priorities identified in the being active; making informed choices, living well independently and keeping people safe themes.

2. Recommendations

- 2.1 Note the feedback from the Local Committees.
- 2.2 Approve the list of schemes at Appendix A for inclusion in the borough's submission to TfL for Local Implementation Plan (LIP) funding for 2020/21, to be submitted by 1 November 2019.
- 2.3 Agree to delegate authority to the Strategic Director of Environment, Housing and Regeneration to approve additional schemes, should an increased allocation be received.

3. Background

- 3.1 TfL funding is provided to London boroughs to support local transport improvements that accord with the Mayor's Transport Strategy (MTS) outcomes as set out in the Greater London Authority Act 1999 (the Act). In order to achieve funding, the Council must show how each scheme submitted will support the MTS outcomes.
- 3.2 TfL provided revised guidance on how to prepare the borough's Annual Spending Submission (ASS) in May 2019, which covered a range of budget headings. The main focus of this report is on the LIP Corridors, Neighbourhoods and Supporting Measures funding stream, but other streams are identified below.

Funding Programmes - Corridors, Neighbourhood and Supporting Measures

- 3.3 This programme consists of interventions in line with the 'Healthy Streets' approach, including measures to enhance conditions for walking, cycling and public transport, increasing the proportion of Londoners achieving 20 minutes of active travel per day, improving accessibility to education, health and community facilities, facilitating traffic reduction, working to achieve 'Vision Zero' road safety targets, road danger reduction measures, 20 mph zones, reducing the impact of transport on the environment, improving air quality, freight management and regeneration. The list of schemes endorsed by the Local Committees is at Appendix A.
- 3.4 This programme also includes expenditure on secure cycle parking, cycle training, car clubs, reduction of street clutter, sustainable urban drainage schemes, installation of electric vehicle charging points, school and workplace travel plans, behavioural change, education, training and publicity. Spending is being prioritised where it will have the greatest impact on improving outcomes in active and sustainable travel.

Liveable Neighbourhoods (LN)

- 3.5 The LN programme gives boroughs the opportunity to bid for funding for long-term healthy streets schemes that encourage walking, cycling and the use of public transport.
- 3.6 Grants of between £1m and £10m will be provided for a wide range of community-supported projects. These could include creating green spaces and cycling infrastructure and redesigning junctions. The programme can also fund the widening of walking routes to improve access to education, health and community facilities, shops, businesses and public transport.
- 3.7 LN's are subject to a separate, competitive bidding process to TfL. As part of Sutton Council's ongoing commitment to make the Borough 'a great place to live, work and raise a family', officers are preparing a bid to encourage walking, cycling and the use of public transport. The proposals also support the borough's *Ambitious for Sutton* programme and will contribute to how we all work together to fulfil these ambitions. If successful, we hope to invest in the Borough's streets and spaces in three key areas - Sutton Town Centre, and two residential areas north-west and south-east of the Town Centre.

Maintenance Programmes

- 3.8 The level of investment from TfL in borough maintenance programmes, including principal road resurfacing and bridge strengthening, is uncertain at this time due to immediate pressures such as Hammersmith Bridge. In the short term boroughs have had the opportunity to bid in year for their worst locations, and we have received £200,000 in 19/20 to carry out repairs to an eastern section of Central Road, and works to deliver that are ongoing at present.

Mayors Air Quality Fund (MAQF)

- 3.9 The Mayor's Air Quality Fund (MAQF) is a £20 million fund over 10 years to support projects by London boroughs to improve air quality. The fund is currently closed for applications.

Local Transport Fund

- 3.10 This is an annual £100,000 allocation to support the development and delivery of local transport priorities. The borough has the freedom and discretion to spend the £100,000 on local priorities and historically this has been spread proportionally across the six Local Committees, albeit members could, if they wished, use this allocation to fund one or more strategic projects.

4. Issues

- 4.1 The local schemes within the LIP Delivery Plan have been considered and endorsed by Local Committees. Subject to this Committee's support, these schemes will form the work programme for year 2 (2020/21) of the Capital Programme. The TfL bidding process also provides opportunities to bid for funding for Liveable Neighbourhood Schemes, which has replaced Major Scheme funding, and further details on this are provided below.
- 4.2 The delivery of the capital programme will provide an incremental change in the infrastructure in place across the borough, and to understand that broader picture a plan has been included at Appendix B. This gives a strategic overview of schemes and their combined impact on particular locations. The ambition is that over a period of time projects will collectively meet the borough's overall strategy, and Appendix B shows how the 2020/21 proposed projects currently link up, and how we are focussing resources to tackle specific areas.
- 4.3 Going forward, proposals such as the Sutton Link extension (which has the support of the Mayor of London), and the proposal to extend the route to the London Cancer Hub in Belmont, together with the regeneration of Sutton Town Centre, it is important that Sutton capitalises on the potential to improve air quality and public health while reducing the impact of traffic on our roads. All of the schemes identified in this programme will help deliver the Ambitious for Sutton agenda as well as the Mayor of London's wider transport objectives.
- 4.4 There are two funding streams that have not been covered above by the latest ASS guidance - the Bus Priority Programme and Cycle Ways, with Sutton having secured funding in both areas. Sutton continues to work with TfL on two Cycle Way projects; a north-south route covering Morden to Sutton, and an east-west route covering Worcester Park to Waddon, split into two phases, with phase 1 covering the Worcester Park to Sutton Town Centre element.

- 4.5 It is anticipated that delivery work on the northern section of the Morden to Sutton route will be delivered this financial year, whilst additional engagement plans are being developed for the southern section of the route. For the Worcester Park to Sutton Town Centre element, TfL advised that they wanted to revisit the alignment of this route, which is currently underway.
- 4.6 Investigations are also under way to look at Bus Priority Improvements for the Worcester Park area, working with RB Kingston, as the traffic impacts are strongly felt across the borough boundary. Early feasibility work work to look at strategic options is underway.

5. Options Considered

- 5.1 The annual submissions prepared for TfL in Appendix A have identified schemes to cover specific areas, where it is felt targeted and focussed transport improvements can be delivered across a local area. This meets the key requirements of the TfL guidance and drive behind the Healthy Streets agenda, which is to focus on improving the infrastructure across whole areas, with improvements considered in a 'strategic manner' where there are clear opportunities for improved modal choice towards encouraging people to make journeys by walking, cycling or because of improved access to public transport.
- 5.2 The 'Healthy Streets' approach uses 10 Indicators that focus on the experience of people using streets: The two main indicators are:
- Pedestrians from all walks of life
 - People choose to walk, cycle and use public transport.
- 5.3 These are supported by eight indicators pointing to the essential elements required to support these two main indicators:
- Easy to Cross
 - Shade and Shelter
 - Places to stop and rest
 - Not too noisy
 - People feel safe
 - Things to see and do
 - People feel relaxed
 - Clean air.

6. Impacts and Implications

Financial

- 6.1 LIP3 will be the overarching transport plan for the borough, supported by the Sustainable Transport Strategy and other key council documents, and there is also a need to process the annual LIP submission to TfL which secures financial support for the development and delivery of the associated highway schemes covered in the Plan.
- 6.2 TfL have advised the borough that the allocation in 2020/21 for Corridors, Neighbourhoods and Supporting Measures will be £1,059,000. The allocations for the Corridors, Neighbourhoods

and supporting Measures Programme is determined by TfL. TfL have also confirmed that the borough's allocation will include the £100,00 LTF allocation, received in previous years.

- 6.3 TfL proposed to undertake a review of the formula used to calculate borough LIP allocations, which was agreed with London Council's Transport & Environment Committee (TEC) at a meeting on 11 October 2018. The agreed approach to the review process was to work with the LIP3 Working Group (London Councils, borough officers and TfL) to develop and propose some alternative initial options and an engagement plan for discussion of the initial options with all boroughs. The engagement process involving TEC and all boroughs ran until August 2019, with the final preferred option(s) to be circulated to borough officers in September 2019 and presented at TEC in October 2019. A final decision will be made by the Deputy Mayor for Transport in October 2019 for implementation in 2020/21. TfL will contact all boroughs if the revised formula is adopted and advise what the next steps will be. This may lead to changes to the overall level of grant made available to Sutton in future years.

Legal

- 6.4 The LIP is a statutory requirement under section 145 of the GLA Act and must be approved by the Mayor before coming into effect, in order to determine that the plan is consistent with the MTS and the proposed measures and timetables are consistent with the MTS.
- 6.5 Under section 159 of the GLA Act 1999, financial assistance provided by TfL must be for a purpose which, in TfL's opinion, is conducive to the provision of safe, integrated, efficient and economic transport facilities or services to, from or within Greater London.
- 6.6 Where schemes are approved and receive funding all procedures, including consultation, will be undertaken in accordance with the relevant statutory provisions and best practice.

7. Appendices and Background Documents

Appendix letter	Title
A	2020/21 Scheme list
B	Map

Background documents
LIP 3
TfL ASS Guidance May 2019

Audit Trail		
Version	Final	Date: 02 October 2019
Consultation with other officers		
Finance	Yes	Tony Cooke
Legal	Yes	David Fellows
Equality Impact Assessment required?	No	N/A