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Subject: The Mayor's Cycling and Walking Challenge Fund (MCF)

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## **PURPOSE OF REPORT**

To note and approve the funding requirements set out in the following report, in order to ensure the continued delivery of the Mayor's Challenge Fund programme for Walking and Cycling.

## **RECOMMENDATIONS:**

The GMCA is requested to:

1. Note the agreed MCF delivery priorities across GM and the prioritised first phase for the programme, as set out in Appendix 1; and
2. Approve £11.9 million MCF funding for the five schemes listed in Section 2 of this report, in order for them to secure Full Approval and enable the signing of a Delivery Agreement.

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## **Equalities Implications:**

The Bee Network and the infrastructure which will enable it, will be fully inclusive in its design and development, with the proactive involvement of organisations such as the Disability Design Reference Group (DDRG).

**Climate Change Impact Assessment and Mitigation Measures:**

The Mayor’s Cycling and Walking Challenge Fund programme has been designed to support and expedite delivery of a network which is designed to facilitate a switch from a mechanised mode to walking or cycling, which will see a reduction in both local pollutants and greenhouse gases. By 2040 130,000 daily trips are expected to switch to cycling and walking from private car and taxi use. This equates to around 735,000 less vehicle kilometres being driven per day, with the resultant environmental benefits.

**Risk Management:**

The recommendations of this report will directly support MCF scheme delivery and enable prioritised infrastructure spend. This will directly assist in mitigating the programme risk of not fully expending the available budget. A programme risk register is maintained and updated by the TfGM MCF programme team.

**Legal Considerations:**

Legal Delivery Agreements and legal side-letters will be produced and implemented for full scheme and development cost approvals as appropriate.

**Financial Consequences – Revenue:**

Revenue consequences are set out in paragraphs 2.1 to 2.9.

**Financial Consequences – Capital:**

Financial consequences are set out in paragraphs 2.1 to 2.9.

**Number of attachments to the report:**

No attachments.

**BACKGROUND PAPERS:**

- 29 March 2018 – Transforming Cities Fund report to GMCA
- 25 May 2018 – Cycling & Walking Update
- 29 June 2018 – Transforming Cities Fund report to GMCA
- 27 July 2018 – Transforming Cities Fund report to GMCA
- 28 September 2018 – Mayor’s Cycling & Walking Challenge Fund
- 29 March 2019 – Mayor’s Cycling & Walking Challenge Fund
- 28 June 2019 – Mayor’s Cycling & Walking Challenge Fund
- 29 November 2019 - Mayor’s Cycling & Walking Challenge Fund
- 05 May 2020 – Mayor’s Challenge Fund Update and Prioritisation
- 26 June 2020 – Mayor’s Challenge Fund Cycling and Walking Financial Approvals
- 31 July 2020 – Mayor’s Challenge Fund Cycling and Walking Financial Approvals
- 02 September 2020 – Mayor’s Challenge Fund Cycling and Walking Financial Approvals
- 25 September 2020 – Mayor’s Challenge Fund Cycling and Walking Financial Approvals

<b>TRACKING/PROCESS</b>		
Does this report relate to a major strategic decision, as set out in the GMCA Constitution		No
<b>EXEMPTION FROM CALL IN</b>		
Are there any aspects in this report which means it should be considered to be exempt from call in by the relevant Scrutiny Committee on the grounds of urgency?		No exemption
GM Transport Committee	Overview & Scrutiny Committee	
N/A	N/A	

## 1. INTRODUCTION

- 1.1 On 29 March 2018, GMCA agreed to allocate £160 million of Greater Manchester's £243 million Transforming Cities Fund to develop a Mayor's Cycling and Walking Challenge Fund (MCF).
- 1.2 The fund is being used to deliver the first phase of the Bee Network, which is the walking and cycling element of the Our Network plan to transform Greater Manchester's transport system. The Bee Network, once complete, will cover circa 1,800 miles and be the longest, integrated, planned network in the country connecting every neighbourhood of Greater Manchester. The initial network plan was contained in Greater Manchester's cycling and walking infrastructure proposal (adopted by GMCA in June 2018), as part of a GM Streets for All highways improvement programme.
- 1.3 On 27 July, 28 September, 14 December 2018 and 29 March, 28 June, 29 November 2019, GMCA sequentially approved Tranches 1 to 6 of the Mayor's Cycling and Walking Challenge Fund, granting schemes Programme Entry. In total this comprised 82 cycling and walking schemes with a forecast MCF funding requirement of £358.5 million, and a forecast overall value of £492.7 million, including local contributions. This figure excludes Programme Management costs and the GM Bike Hire scheme.
- 1.4 Following the over-programming of the MCF and the creation of an infrastructure pipeline, on the 5 May 2020 GMCA approved the first phase of Bee Network delivery, based on identified District priorities. This phase has a forecast value of £216.5 million. Details of the prioritised schemes contained within this phase can be found at Appendix 1.
- 1.5 This paper recommends funding approvals associated with the ongoing implementation of the Bee Network through the Mayor's Cycling and Walking Challenge Fund, and includes funding approvals for both scheme development costs and full scheme delivery. This is one in a series of ongoing monthly funding approval papers in support of MCF programme delivery.

## 2 MCF FULL SCHEME APPROVAL

- 2.1 Having previously received MCF Programme Entry, delivery of the following five schemes is now recommended for Full Approval, requiring a total MCF funding contribution of £11,838,386. Full Approval will enable the release of delivery funding through the signing of a legal Delivery Agreement.
- 2.2 **Manchester to Chorlton (Phase 2)** will provide the next phase of this high quality cycle route which is subject to a phased delivery. The section delivered in Phase 2 will provide approximately 1.3km of the overall 5km scheme length and is principally a segregated route with pedestrian and lighting improvements. Having been reviewed by the MCF Programme Team, the full scheme Business Case was endorsed by the MCF Programme Board on the 15

September and subsequently reported to the GM Cycling and Walking Board. Phase 2 of the Manchester to Chorlton scheme has an MCF funding requirement of £2,209,070.

- 2.3 **Stockport A6 MARR Links** will improve walking and cycling connections in neighbouring communities adjacent to the access points which have been provided onto the A6MARR multi-user path, with the result of making the multi-user path easier to access and use. Five individual 'Links' are included in the scheme, which are Heald Green, Cheadle Hulme, Woodford, Bramhall and Hazel Grove. Each Link will improve connections and will contribute to a more accessible active travel network, improving how the A6MARR multi-user path integrates into Stockport.
- 2.4 Having been reviewed by the MCF Programme Team, the full scheme Business Case was endorsed by the MCF Programme Board on the 13 October and subsequently reported to the GM Cycling and Walking Board. The Stockport A6 MARR Links scheme has an MCF funding requirement of £1,518,546.
- 2.5 **Stockport Crossings Package** has been developed to reduce the severance impacts created by busy roads within a neighbourhood of the Cheadle Hulme area. The scheme is focused on providing enhanced crossing facilities on two routes - Councillor Lane and Bird Hall Road, as well as complementary measures and reduced speed limits in adjacent residential areas. Having been reviewed by the MCF Programme Team, the full scheme Business Case was endorsed by the MCF Programme Board on the 13 October and subsequently reported to the GM Cycling and Walking Board. The Crossings Package has an MCF funding requirement of £1,255,089.
- 2.6 **Stockport to Offerton scheme** (previously reported as Hempshaw Lane). This scheme will provide a series of walking and cycling improvements, including to 4 crossings and an upgrade to an existing off-road path in the neighbourhoods which lie between Offerton and Stockport town centre. The scheme will reduce severance which currently restricts accessibility, and as a package forms an attractive alternative to the busy road corridor which runs to the south-east of Stockport town centre. Having been reviewed by the MCF Programme Team, the full scheme Business Case was endorsed by the MCF Programme Board on the 13 October and subsequently reported to the GM Cycling and Walking Board. Stockport to Offerton has an MCF funding requirement of £2,162,571.
- 2.7 **Salford Swinton Greenway**, for which the spine of the route follows a former railway line. The route runs between Monton Road in Monton (to the south) and the A6 Manchester Road in Swinton (to the north), with several additional connecting links to local schools, colleges and the wider communities that live and work along the route. Swinton Greenway is 7.2km in length of which 5.7km is off road and 1.5km on road. Improvements along the route include significant lengths of widening, surfacing and access improvements, enhanced lighting as well as planting and landscaping improvements.
- 2.8 Having been reviewed by the MCF Programme Team, the full scheme Business Case was endorsed by the MCF Programme Board on the 13 October and subsequently endorsed

through written procedures by the GM Cycling and Walking Board. Swinton Greenway has an MCF funding requirement of £4,693,110.

2.9 Full Approval of these schemes would result in a total of 15 MCF work packages having secured full funding approval, with a total committed value of £31.7 million of MCF funding.

### **3 RECOMMENDATIONS**

3.1 The recommendations are set out at the front of the report.

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## **Appendix 1: MCF Prioritised Schemes**

### **Schemes to be Delivered – in full or in part**

<b>Tranche 1</b>
Bolton: B6226 Chorley New Road
Bury: Metrolink Bury Line – Cycle Parking
Bury: New and Upgraded Crossing Points and Junctions
Manchester: Manchester to Chorlton
Oldham: King Street foot/cycle bridge
Oldham: Union Street West foot/cycle Bridge
Rochdale: Castleton Local Centre Corridor
Salford: SBNI – A6 Broad Street / B6186 Frederick Road
Salford: Chapel Street East Phase 1: Demonstrator Project
Stockport: Gillbent Road – Crossing Upgrade
Tameside: Tameside Active Neighbourhoods
Trafford: A5014 Talbot Road
Wigan: Victoria Street/Warrington Road Junction Improvements
<b>Tranche 2</b>
Salford: Swinton Greenway
Stockport: Hazel Grove Access Upgrades
Trafford: Talbot Road A56 Chester Road
Wigan: Standish Mineral Line
<b>Tranche 3</b>
Salford: Trafford Road
Wigan: Toucan Crossings – Wigan Central
<b>Tranche 4</b>
GM: GM Bike Hire
Manchester: Levenshulme Mini Holland
Manchester: Mancunian Way/Princess Parkway Junction
Manchester: Rochdale Canal Bridge 88-80a
Manchester: Route 86 (Northern Quarter)
Rochdale: Castleton Town Centre Phase 2
Salford: Barton Aqueduct
Stockport: A6 MARRR Links
Stockport: Bramhall Park to A6
Stockport: Crossings package
Stockport: Heatons Cycle Link
Stockport: Interchange
Stockport: Ladybrook Valley

## **Appendix 1: MCF Prioritised Schemes – continued**

Tameside: Crown Point
Trafford: Wharfside Way
Wigan: Leigh Atherton Tyldesley
<b>Tranche 5</b>
Bolton: Town Centre Phase 1 (East)
Bury: Fishpool
GM: Active Neighbourhoods Support
GM: Safety Camera Digitisation and Upgrade
Manchester: Northern and Eastern Gateway
Salford: City Centre Package
Salford: RHS Links
Stockport: Heaton Norris Park Bridge
Stockport: Hempshaw Lane
Tameside: Ashton South
Tameside: Ashton Streetscape Scheme
Trafford: Sale - Sale Moor - Sale Water Park
Trafford: Urmston Area Active Neighbourhood
Wigan: Standish to Ashton
<b>Tranche 6</b>
Bolton: Astley Bridge-Crompton
Bolton: Westhoughton Bee Network
Bury: Elton
Bury: Pimhole
Bury: Radcliffe Central
GM: Bee Network Crossings
Manchester: Beswick Filtered Neighbourhood
Manchester: Manchester Cycleway
Oldham: Chadderton Improvements
Oldham: Oldham Town Centre Improvements
Oldham: Park Road (NCN 626) Town Centre Connection
Oldham: Royton Town Centre Connection
Stockport: Romiley Neighbourhood and Links
Stockport: Thompson Street Bridge
Tameside: A57 Denton to Hyde
Trafford: North Altrincham Bee Network
Trafford: Seymour Grove



## **Appendix 1: MCF Prioritised Schemes - continued**

### **Schemes for Development Only**

Stockport: Welkin Road - Town Centre Severance Package
Tameside: Ashton West Retail Centre Link Bridge
Oldham: Park Bridge (NCN 626) – Ashton under Lyne
Manchester: Oldham Road (Inner Radial)
Stockport: Heatons WRH
Salford: Trinity Way/Springfield Lane Crossing
Salford: Monton Town Centre
Salford: Ordsall Filtered Neighbourhood
Salford: Liverpool Street Corridor