

Date: 01 April 2020

Subject: Mayor's Cycling & Walking Fund – Development Costs

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## **PURPOSE OF REPORT**

To seek approval for the development costs for the identified Mayor's Cycling and Walking Challenge Fund schemes to allow Manchester, Oldham, Salford, Stockport, Tameside and Trafford Councils, as well as Transport for Greater Manchester, to progress these schemes. These are individual approvals for each scheme and do not represent a cumulative request.

## **RECOMMENDATIONS:**

The GMCA Chief Executive Officer is recommended to:

1. Note the development cost totals for the MCF schemes.
2. Note that commercial due diligence has been undertaken by the TfGM Programme Team.
3. Approve the release of a total of £12,779,980 development costs for the individual MCF schemes listed below:
  - a. GMCA - Safety Cameras
  - b. GMCA - Active Neighbourhoods
  - c. Manchester - Rochdale Canal to Manchester
  - d. Oldham – Oldham Town Centre Improvements
  - e. Oldham – Park Bridge
  - f. Oldham – Chadderton Improvements
  - g. Oldham - Royton Town Centre Connection
  - h. Oldham - Park Road - NCN – Town Centre
  - i. Salford - Swinton Greenway
  - j. Salford - RHS Links
  - k. Stockport - Gillbent Road – Crossing
  - l. Stockport - Welkin road

BOLTON  
BURY

MANCHESTER  
OLDHAM

ROCHDALE  
SALFORD

STOCKPORT  
TAMESIDE

TRAFFORD  
WIGAN

- m. Stockport - Hazel Grove Access Upgrades
- n. Stockport - A6 MARR Links
- o. Stockport - Crossings
- p. Stockport - Heatons Link
- q. Stockport - Ladybrook Valley
- r. Stockport - Bramall park
- s. Stockport - Stockport interchange
- t. Stockport - Heaton Norris Park Bridge
- u. Stockport - Hempshaw Lane
- v. Tameside - Ashton Centre South
- w. Tameside - Ashton Streetscape
- x. Tameside – Ashton West Link Bridge
- y. Trafford - Urmston Area Active Neighbourhood

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Risk Management – Nil

Legal Considerations – Nil

Financial Consequences – Revenue – nil

Financial Consequences – Capital – see paragraph 2

Number of attachments included in the report: nil.

**BACKGROUND PAPERS:**

- 29 March 2019 - Mayor’s Cycling and Walking Challenge Fund Report to GMCA

<b>TRACKING/PROCESS</b>		Choose an item.
Does this report relate to a major strategic decision, as set out in the GMCA Constitution		Yes
<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
GMTC	Overview & Scrutiny Committee	
N/A	N/A	

## 1 INTRODUCTION

- 1.1 Details of the schemes for which Development Cost funding approval is sought, is set out below. This approval is required to provide funding certainty for development activity and is necessary to enable scheme progression towards delivery. The forecast development costs have been submitted to TfGM on the agreed template and have been reviewed by commercial representatives of the TfGM MCF programme team.
- 1.2 The GMCA delivered Safety Cameras scheme will make Greater Manchester's roads safer for cycling and walking and encourage individuals to do so more frequently through the digitisation, and upgrade, of the existing camera network whilst maintaining their current functionality. The scheme was granted Programme Entry to the Mayor's Cycling and Walking Challenge Fund (MCF) by the GMCA on 29 November 2019. This scheme has a total forecast cost of £9.2 million which is proposed to be funded from the MCF
- 1.3 The GMCA delivered Active Neighbourhoods scheme will commission a bespoke consultant team, on behalf of the districts, saving time and resource, and utilising specialist expertise to engage local communities to develop feasible active neighbourhood schemes in local areas that have been identified in collaboration with the local community from the outset. The scheme was granted Programme Entry to the Mayor's Cycling and Walking Challenge Fund (MCF) by the GMCA on 28 June 2019 and has a total forecast cost of £3.2 million of which £2.8 million is funded from the MCF, with £0.4 million from local contributions.
- 1.4 The proposed Manchester City Council-delivered 'Rochdale Canal' scheme aims to improve usage of the section of the Rochdale Canal within the City of Manchester. This aims to double the levels of cyclists by improving lighting and surfaces at entrances and exits to the route, improve the route at areas of limited access, review accessibility, and improve wayfinding of the route. The scheme was granted Programme Entry to the MCF by the GMCA on 29 March 2019. This scheme has a total forecast cost of £1.3 million, to be funded from the MCF.
- 1.5 The Oldham Council-delivered 'Oldham Town Centre Improvements' scheme aims to provide connectivity into the town centre, and promote active and healthy lifestyles by making sustainable travel safer and easier to use. This will be achieved by providing a more open and appealing entry gateway for pedestrians and cyclists into the town centre. Proposals include decluttering and extending the existing pedestrianised zone, and by reapportioning carriageway for pedestrians and cyclists. The scheme was granted Programme Entry to the MCF by the GMCA on 29 Nov 2019. This scheme has a total forecast cost of £11.1m of which £8.4 million is to be funded from the MCF, with £2.7m from local contributions.

- 1.6 Oldham's Park Bridge scheme will deliver a new crossing on Kings Road, plus a new bridge at the site of a former railway viaduct on the traffic-free NCN 626 route between Oldham and Ashton, overcoming an existing severance point. The scheme will tie in with another MCF project at Park Road, near Oldham town centre and together create a strategic Bee Network route parallel to the heavily-trafficked A627 Ashton Road. The scheme will include several new and improved access points for adjacent communities and tie into Oldham's Northern Roots project and the Park Bridge heritage site. The scheme was granted Programme Entry to the MCF by the GMCA on 29 November 2019. This scheme has a total forecast cost of £4.1million of which an estimated £3.5million is to be funded from the MCF, with £0.6 million from local contributions.
- 1.7 The Chadderton Improvements scheme in Oldham will deliver improved facilities, including route widening, resurfacing and new crossing points, along an existing, predominantly off-highway path. The route will connect existing residential areas and new mixed-use development. The scheme was granted Programme Entry to the MCF by the GMCA on 29 November 2019. This scheme has a total forecast cost of £0.8 million of which an estimated £0.7 million is to be funded from the MCF, with £0.1 million from local contributions.
- 1.8 The Oldham Royton Town Centre Connection scheme will deliver key elements of walking and cycling infrastructure identified within the Town Centre Masterplan and the Rochdale Road Streets for All corridor study, whilst tying in with the emerging Quality Bus Transit (QBT) project to link Rochdale, Oldham and Tameside. This scheme has a total forecast cost of £1.9 million of which an estimated £1.6 million is to be funded from the MCF, with £0.3 million from local contributions.
- 1.9 The Oldham Park Road - NCN – Town Centre scheme will 'unlock' a route into Oldham Town Centre by addressing an existing pinch point and gap in the cycle network and overcome a number of severance points for pedestrians and cyclists. It will tie in with other MCF infrastructure schemes and provide a link to Sustrans route NCN 626. The scheme was granted Programme Entry to the MCF by the GMCA on 29 November 2019. This scheme has a total forecast cost of £1.9 million of which an estimated £1.6 million is to be funded from the MCF, with £0.3 million from local contributions.
- 1.10 The Salford delivered Swinton Greenway scheme will provide a high quality traffic-free route connecting Swinton to Monton in an aim to reduce car dependency for short trips, improve cycling and walking access and access to public transport, and reducing the impact of the A580 as a severance point as identified by the Bee Network. The scheme was granted Programme Entry to the MCF by the GMCA on 29 November 2019. This scheme has a total forecast cost of £4.6 million, of which £3.4 million is to be funded from the MCF, with £1.2m from local contributions.
- 1.11 The Salford delivered RHS Links scheme seeks to provide a high-quality route connecting Walkden, Worsley and Boothstown with the aim of addressing the identified severance points. This will be achieved by providing a traffic free route along the north of the

Bridgewater Canal linking Worsley and Boothstown to the Royal Horticultural Society; a new north-south route from the RHS to Walkden Station and the traffic-free network which will provide new crossings across a number of roads. The scheme was granted Programme Entry to the MCF by the GMCA on 28 June 2019. This scheme has a total forecast cost of £2 million of which £1.3 million is funded from the MCF, with £0.7m from local contributions.

- 1.12 The Stockport MBC-delivered Gillbent Road Crossing scheme will facilitate a safe cycle route across Gillbent Road towards Thorn Grove Primary School. The scheme will provide a safer and more attractive crossing point for cyclists and walkers wishing to access the school and facilities at Church Road from communities to the west of Gillbent Road. The scheme was granted Programme Entry to the Mayor's Cycling and Walking Challenge Fund by the GMCA on 27 July 2019. This scheme has a total forecast cost of £0.1 million, proposed to be fully MCF funded.
- 1.13 The Stockport MBC-delivered Welkin Road scheme will deliver improved foot and cycle connections, including resurfacing and reconstruction work, and replacing lighting in the Brinnington Tunnel to support cycling and walking. The scheme was granted Programme Entry to the Mayor's Cycling and Walking Fund (MCF) by the GMCA on 27 July 2019. This scheme has a total forecast cost of £0.4 million funded from the MCF.
- 1.14 The Stockport MBC delivered Hazel Grove Access Upgrade scheme seeks to upgrade cycling and walking routes in Hazel Grove, reducing severance that deter local residents from cycling and walking. This includes identified crossings that form part of the Bee Network but require some form of infrastructure upgrade. The scheme was granted Programme Entry to the Mayor's Cycling and Walking Challenge Fund (MCF) by the GMCA on 28 September 2018. This scheme has a total forecast cost of £0.9 million of which £0.7 million is proposed to be funded from the MCF, with £0.2 million from local contributions.
- 1.15 The Stockport MBC delivered A6 Manchester Airport Ring Road (MARR) Links scheme will improve neighbourhood walking and cycling by providing six new links with the A6MARR. This will include conversion of existing public rights of way to bridleways, creation of new bridleways and provision of controlled crossings. The scheme was granted Programme Entry to the Mayor's Cycling and Walking Challenge Fund (MCF) by the GMCA on 29 March 2019. This scheme has a total forecast cost of £1.4 million, proposed to be MCF funded.
- 1.16 The Stockport MBC delivered Crossings package seeks to deliver Borough-wide crossings improvements for overcoming Bee Network severance. This will reduce pedestrian-cyclist conflict and accommodate growth in pedestrian and cycle flows. The scheme was granted Programme Entry to the Mayor's Cycling and Walking Challenge Fund (MCF) by the GMCA on 29 Mar 2019. This scheme has a total forecast cost of £0.7 million funded from the MCF.
- 1.17 The Stockport MBC delivered Heatons Link scheme will provide an extensive, way-marked and virtually traffic-free link across North West Stockport between the Trans Pennine Trail and The Manchester Cycleway. The scheme was granted Programme Entry to the Mayor's

Cycling and Walking Challenge Fund (MCF) by the GMCA on 29 March 2019. This scheme has a total forecast cost of £2.2 million, proposed to be funded from the MCF.

- 1.18 The Stockport MBC delivered Ladybrook Valley scheme acts to address a current gap in the local cycle network - identified as part of the Bee Network analysis, between Cheadle, Cheadle Hulme and Bramhall. This scheme will provide a 3 metre-wide bridleway providing a direct link between Ladybridge Road and Bramhall Park Road. The scheme was granted Programme Entry to the Mayor's Cycling and Walking Challenge Fund (MCF) by the GMCA on 29 March 2019. This scheme has a total forecast cost of £0.8 million, proposed to be funded from the MCF.
- 1.19 The Stockport MBC delivered Bramall Park scheme will contribute to an East – West Cycle Route which will ultimately stretch from High Lane to Gatley (approx. 15km) of which this scheme delivers 4.1km in order to fill existing network gaps, overcome Bee Network severance and integrate with SEMMS schemes and improve access to education, greenspace, retail, employment centres, and residential areas. The scheme was granted Programme Entry to the MCF by the GMCA on 29 March 2019. This scheme has a total forecast cost of £4.1 million, proposed to be funded from the MCF.
- 1.20 The Stockport MBC delivered Stockport Interchange scheme aims to improve the current provision of existing walking and cycling links between the railway station and the heart of the town centre (including the bus station and retail core), and address major severance across the A6 corridor. This will provide a world class, traffic-free route via a new public park, promote sustainable travel choices across the town centre, and improve crossings of the A6 'Busy Bee' route through new parallel crossings and segregated, traffic free alternative routes. The scheme was granted Programme Entry to the MCF by the GMCA on 29 March 2019. This scheme has a total forecast cost of £11m which is proposed to be funded through the MCF.
- 1.21 The Stockport MBC delivered Heaton Norris Park Bridge scheme will provide a landmark new cycling and walking bridge across the M60 and A560, complemented by improved connectivity to the bridge through Heaton Norris to the north. This will be achieved by providing a traffic-free link between the communities of Heaton Norris and Stockport Town Centre which will address the M60 and Great Egerton St severance issues as identified on the Bee Network. The scheme was granted Programme Entry to the MCF by the GMCA on 28 June 2019. This scheme has a total forecast cost of £6.8 million of which £5.8 million is proposed to be funded from the MCF, with £1 million from local contributions.
- 1.22 The Stockport MBC delivered Hempshaw Lane scheme will resolve severance issues on the identified bee-network between the residential, education, leisure and employment areas in Offerton and Stockport Town Centre. This will be achieved by providing six new crossings for pedestrians and cyclists, and by remodelling of the Hempshaw Lane/Dialstone Lane junction. The scheme was granted Programme Entry to the MCF by the GMCA on 28 June

2019. This scheme has a total forecast cost of £1.2 million of which £0.7 million is funded from the MCF, with £0.5 million from local contributions.

- 1.23 The Tameside delivered Ashton Centre South scheme aims to increase levels of walking and cycling and improve links to public transport in Ashton Town Centre. This will be achieved by establishing cycle routes, environmental improvements for pedestrians including removing street clutter, installing additional cycle parking, and reducing speed limits. The scheme was granted Programme Entry to the MCF by the GMCA on 28 June 2019. This scheme has a total forecast cost of £1.2 million funded from the MCF.
- 1.24 The Tameside delivered Ashton Streetscape scheme forms part of the Vision Tameside regeneration project, specifically the Phase 3 Public Realm works, which aims to stimulate economic growth and investment in Ashton Town Centre. This will be achieved by addressing Bee Network severance points in the area, specifically at modal nodes such as rail stations and interchanges, reducing severance impacts on traffic, providing segregated cycle facilities, improving access for cycling and walking and reducing speeds. The scheme was granted Programme Entry to the MCF by the GMCA on 28 June 2019. This scheme has a total forecast cost of £6.1 million of which £3.5 million is funded from the MCF, with £2.6 million from local contributions.
- 1.25 The Tameside Ashton West Link Bridge scheme (now being referred to as the Manchester Road Link Bridge) seeks to provide a new 60m cycling and walking bridge over the major severance lines of Manchester Road and Ashton Metrolink in Tameside. It is proposed to have ramped access linking to existing cycling and walking traffic-free paths either side. The scheme was granted MCF programme entry on 28th June 2019 and has a total scheme forecast of £1.38m
- 1.26 The Trafford delivered Urmston Area Active Neighbourhood scheme seeks to further enhance the community initiatives already undertaken to make the Urmston area an active, safe and attractive community by introducing high quality walking/cycle facilities to inspire residents to make walking & cycling their first-choice mode of transport for short journeys. This will be achieved through extensive community engagement and consultation with residents. The scheme was granted Programme Entry to the MCF by the GMCA on 28 June 2019. This scheme has a total forecast cost of £11.5 million of which £11.4 million is proposed to be funded from the MCF, with £0.1m from local contributions.
- 1.27 Following Programme Entry, Local Authority partners can proceed with the development of their schemes, including progressing the necessary powers and consents, prior to obtaining either Conditional Approval and/or Full Approval of their Business Cases.
- 1.28 Programme Entry also represents the point at which development costs incurred to-date can be claimed by Local Authority and other partners.



## 2 PROPOSALS FOR CONSIDERATION

- 2.1 The local authorities have submitted their development costs which have been reviewed by the MCF programme team on behalf of the GMCA.
- 2.2 Consequently, approval is sought for the release of the development costs for each of these twenty-five schemes, totalling £12,779,980. A breakdown of the development costs for each of the schemes are shown in the table below.

District	Scheme	Tranche	Development Costs
GMCA	TfGM Safety Cameras	5	£600,000
GMCA	Active Neighbourhoods	5	£1,094,506
Manchester	Rochdale Canal	4	£233,001
Oldham	Oldham Town Centre Improvements	6	£1,028,000
Oldham	Park Bridge	6	£504,000
Oldham	Chadderton Improvements	6	£106,000
Oldham	Royton Town Centre Connection	6	£124,000
Oldham	Park Road – NCN – Town Centre	6	£277,000
Salford	Swinton Greenway	2	£696,008
Salford	RHS Links	5	£437,075
Stockport	Gillbent Road - Crossing	1	£65,951
Stockport	Welkin Road	1	£123,081
Stockport	Hazel Grove Access Upgrades	2	£181,153
Stockport	A6 MARR Links	4	£307,630
Stockport	Crossings	4	£166,270
Stockport	Heatons Link	4	£444,870
Stockport	Ladybrook Valley	4	£194,770
Stockport	Bramall Park	4	£805,585
Stockport	Stockport Interchange	4	£2,418,482
Stockport	Heaton Norris Park Bridge	5	£1,182,028
Stockport	Hempshaw Lane	5	£344,615
Tameside	Ashton Centre South	5	£193,160
Tameside	Ashton Streetscape	5	£459,525
Tameside	Ashton West Link Bridge	5	£253,320
Trafford	Urmston Area Active Neighbourhood	5	£539,950
		<b>Total</b>	<b>£12,779,980</b>

## 3 RECOMMENDATIONS

- 3.1 Recommendations are set out at the front of this report.