

RECORD OF INDIVIDUAL EXECUTIVE DECISION MADE BY A CABINET MEMBER

Decision Maker	Decision Type	Date
Cllr A Jabbar	Key Decision	17 th April 2019

Department for Transport (DfT) Safer Roads Fund Grant 2019/20

Decision (s)

The report seeks to:

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- Inform members that £200,000 of the funding relates to proposals in Tameside. The bid was prepared jointly across the two authorities with Oldham acting as the lead authority due to a larger section of the A670 falling into Oldham.

Exempt/Confidential Report		No
Key Decision	Yes	

Reasons for the decision(s)

- To accept the grant offer of £962,000 and the terms and conditions from the DfT for delivery of the Safer Roads Fund schemes in 2019/20.

Options/Alternatives considered

There are 2 options:

- Option A – accept the DfT Safer Roads Fund grant offer and the terms and conditions set out by the DfT for the proposed Oldham schemes;
- Option B – do not accept the DfT Safer Roads Fund grant offer and terms and conditions set out by DfT for the proposed Oldham schemes.

Conflict of Interest declared



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(Councillor Jabbar, Cabinet Member for Finance and Corporate Resources)

In consultation with



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(Helen Lockwood, Deputy Chief Executive – People and Place)



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(Paul Entwistle, Director of Legal Services)



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(Anne Ryans, Director of Finance)

Decision made pursuant to:

- a) **Delegation to Cabinet Member under the Council's scheme of delegation. Contract £100,000 - £400,000 and Key decisions.**

Delegated Cabinet Member Key Decision Report

Decision Maker and Portfolio area:	Cllr A Jabbar, Cabinet Member for Finance and Corporate Resources
Date of Decision:	17th April 2019
Subject:	Department for Transport (DfT) Safer Roads Fund Grant 2019/20
Report Author:	Eleanor Sykes, x 1668
Ward (s):	Saddleworth North / Saddleworth South

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What are the alternative option(s) to be considered? Please give the reason(s) for recommendation(s): There are 2 options:

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grant offer and the terms and conditions set out by the DfT for the proposed Oldham schemes;

- Option B – do not accept the DfT Safer Roads Fund grant offer and terms and conditions set out by DfT for the proposed Oldham schemes.

Recommendation(s):

Option A – accept the DfT Safer Roads Fund grant offer and the terms and conditions set out by the DfT for the proposed Oldham schemes.

Implications:

What are the financial implications?

Capital

This report is seeking to accept a grant award from the DfT for the delivery of the Safer Roads Fund schemes in 2019/20.

The allocation for £962,000 includes an amount of £200,000 for schemes that are in Tameside.

Oldham will be receiving the full amount and this will be built into the transport capital Programme for delivery in 2019-20.

Officers are currently discussing with audit colleagues to establish the best method for delivering the proposals across the two authorities and monitoring spend to meet both the terms and conditions of the grant and audit requirements.

Further detailed reports will be prepared highlighting scheme design, full costs and implementation.

(Sadrul Alam)

What are the procurement implications?

Any subsequent sourcing activity arising from this funding allocation will be procured in accordance with Public Contract Regulations and Council's Contract Procedure Rules. This will include satisfying value for money principles and with due regard to social, economic and environmental factors.

(Dan Cheetham)

What are the legal implications?

The Council must make sure that it abides by any conditions placed on it by the Department of Transport under the grant funding agreement and ensure that all works are procured in

accordance with the Council's Contract Procedure Rules.

(Elizabeth Doyle)
N/A

What are the Human Resources implications?

Equality and Diversity Impact Assessment attached or not required because (please give reason)

N/A

What are the property implications

N/A

Risks:

Co-operative agenda

None

The successful bid represents a co-operative approach in terms of working together to achieve maximum value from the investment and ensuring that the resource is aligned with corporate priorities.

Has the relevant Legal Officer confirmed that the recommendations within this report are lawful and comply with the Council's Constitution?

Yes

Has the relevant Finance Officer confirmed that any expenditure referred to within this report is consistent with the Council's budget?

Yes

Are any of the recommendations within this report contrary to the Policy Framework of the Council?

No

Reason why this is a Key Decision

- (1) to result in the local authority incurring expenditure or the making of savings which are, significant (over £250k) having regard to the local authority's budget for the service or function to which the decision relates; or
- (2) to be significant in terms of its effects on communities living or working in an area comprising two or more Wards or electoral divisions in the area of the local authority.

The Key Decision made as a result of this report will be published within **48 hours** and cannot be actioned until **five working days** have elapsed from the publication date of the

decision, i.e. before 29th April 2019, unless exempt from call-in.

This item has been included on the Forward Plan under reference FCR-04-19.

There are no background papers for this report

Report Author Sign-off:	
Eleanor Sykes	
Date: 27th March 2019	

Please list any appendices:-

Appendix number or letter	Description
Appendix 1	Safer Roads Fund Plan 1 (Extent of A670 included in the bid)
Appendix 2	Safer Roads Fund Plan 2 (Oldham Proposals)
Appendix 3	Safer Roads Fund grant offer letter and terms and conditions

Background:

In the November 2016 Autumn Statement the £175m DfT Safer Roads Fund was announced. The DfT invited proposals from eligible local highway authorities to improve safety of 50 specific sections of local A roads, where the risk of fatal and serious collisions was highest, based on analysis by the Road Safety Foundation. Funding was to be spent 2017/18 - 2020/21.

One of the 50 A roads eligible for funding was the A670 between A62 Huddersfield Road, above Diggle to Mossley in Tameside. The total extent of the A670 identified by the Road Safety Foundation (RSF) analysis was 9.8km which includes its entire 7.1km length within Oldham and a 2.7km section located in Tameside (Appendix 1). This split across districts meant a joint bid would need to be prepared between Oldham and Tameside. However, the submitted bid would be led by Oldham Council as the authority with the longest section of the identified eligible highway.

During 2017 bid development meetings took place between Oldham Council, Tameside Council and Transport for Greater Manchester to establish the scope of the safety measures, the main points of reference and bid governance arrangements to meet the submission deadline to the DfT of 28th September 2017.

Proposals:

Proposals – Oldham

During bid development we identified a series of road safety intervention measures along the A670 within the Oldham section of the route at a cost of £762,000 (Appendix 2). These proposals include:

- Reduced speed limits from 60 mph to 50 mph on rural sections;
- Reduced speed limits from 40 mph to 30 mph at A670 / A669 junction;
- Review of Street Furniture and associated Passive Safety;
- Improved village gateway treatments;
- Enhanced pedestrian facilities;
- Enhanced surface treatments, traffic signs and road markings;
- Improvements to existing, and the provision of new, Safety Barriers systems.

Proposals and Costs – Tameside

Tameside Council also worked up proposals to a cost of £200,000 including:

- Puffin crossing;
- Footway widening;
- Enhanced street lighting;
- Surfacing (coloured);
- Lining;
- Signing and guardrail;
- Vehicle Activated Signs.

The total bid submitted to the DfT had a value of £962,000 for spend between 2018/19 – 2019/20.

Bid Outcome

On 13th June 2018 we received notification from the DfT that our bid had been successful. This notification confirmed that the full allocation of £962,000 has been awarded towards the safety improvements on the A670 in the 2019/20 financial year, a change to the original spend profile, and the complete amount would be allocated to Oldham.

We are currently working with finance and audit colleagues to establish the best method for delivering the proposals across the two authorities and monitoring spend to meet both the terms and conditions of the grant and audit requirements.

The grant offer letter and the terms and conditions can be seen at Appendix 3.

Consultation

The Portfolio Holder for Environmental Services was informed of the intention to bid to the DfT Safer Roads Fund in September 2017 and was supportive.

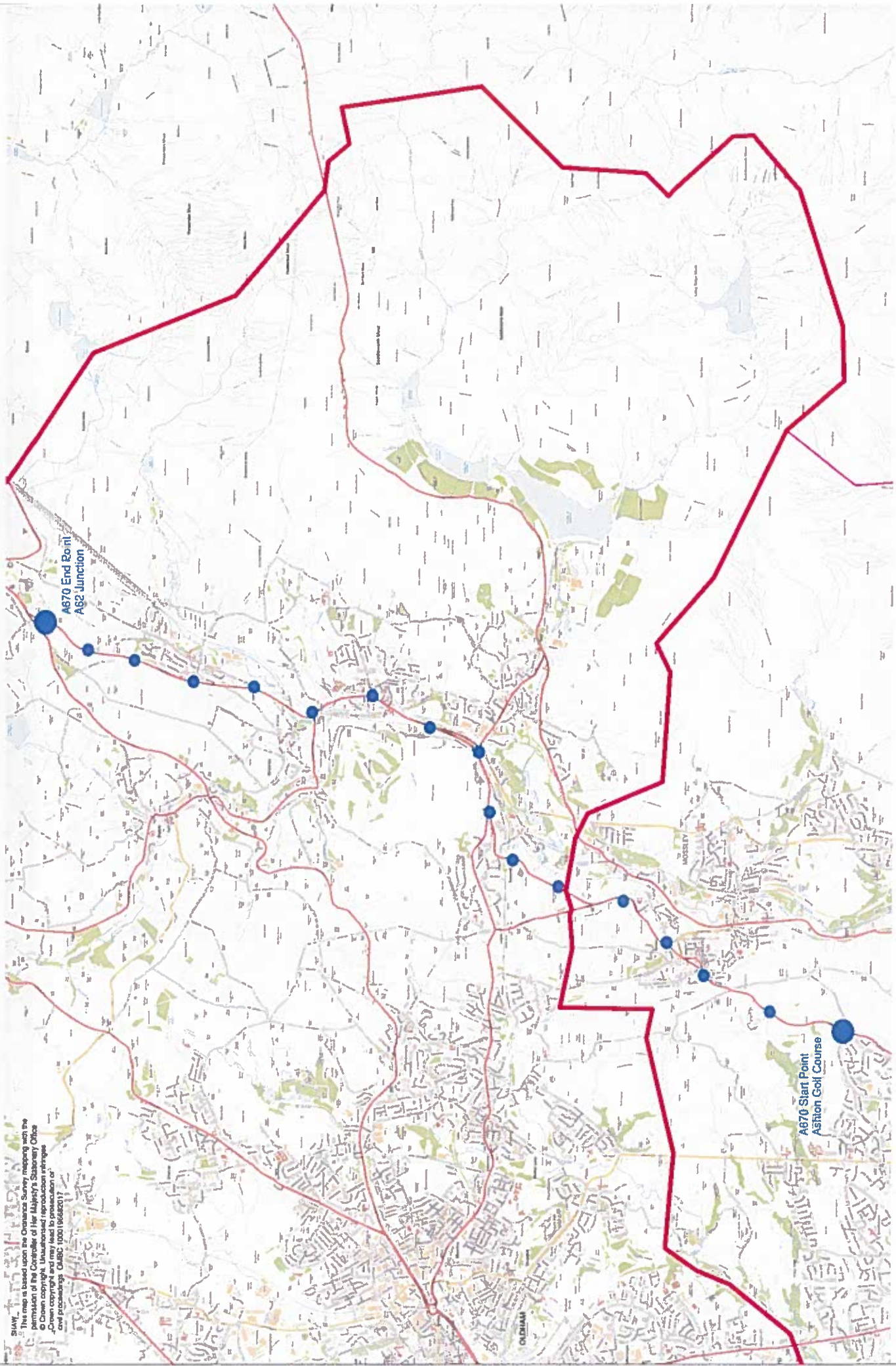
The Portfolio Holder for Neighbourhood Services was informed that the bid had been successful in June 2018.

Following this successful bid, further consultation will take place with the stakeholders in accordance with current procedures during scheme design and implementation.

Conclusions:

Signed: (Executive Director/Director) Hockwood Date: 17/4/19

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A670 Location Plan

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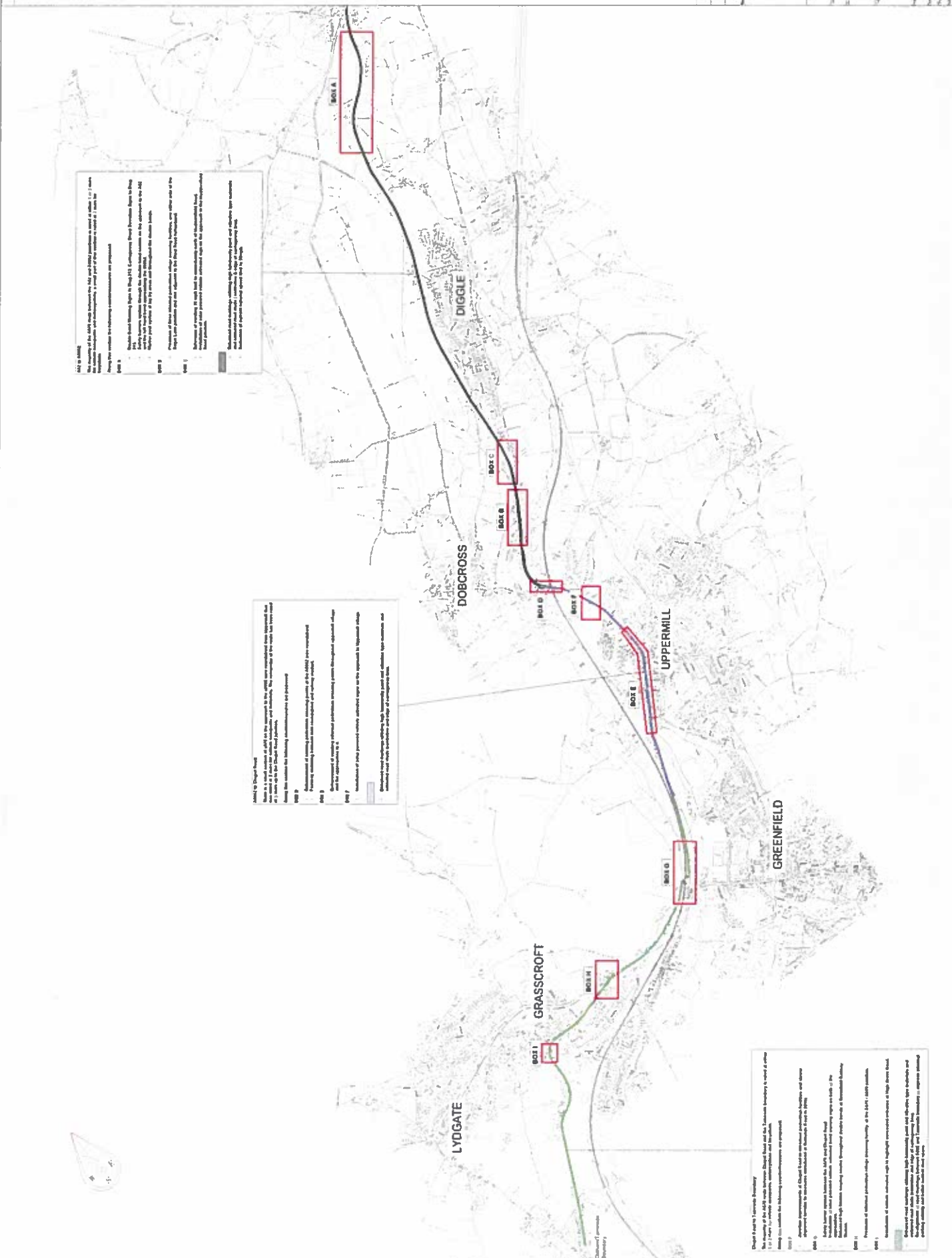
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Appendix 1

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Dear Miss Sykes

Safer Roads Fund – Approval Grant Determination (2019/20): No. 31/3220

Following receipt of your completed bid for A670 to A62 the under the Safer Roads Fund, I am pleased to inform you that your bid was successful and this letter confirms that Ministers have given formal approval to the proposal submitted by your Authority¹.

The DfT will provide a maximum funding contribution of **£962,000** towards an estimated total scheme cost of **£962,000**. The maximum DfT contribution, this financial year is as follows:

2019/20 – £962,000

This payment will be with you by 22nd March. Your Authority is solely responsible for meeting any expenditure over and above this maximum amount and any spend in years not covered by the grant.

Funding will be paid as grant under Section 31 of the Local Government Act 2003. I attach the grant funding terms and conditions.

Following the DfT's announcement, the Government's contribution to the scheme should be advertised in any publicity information that you produce. For grant funded schemes Ministers want to ensure that the DfT's corporate logo is displayed at the site. A copy of the logo is attached with this award letter. Please use this logo on any signs and promotional material for the scheme. The colour on the DfT logo is coded from the Pantone Matching System as PMS 3298.

The DfT reserves the right to amend the funding profile subject to progress of the scheme and also expects you to keep us closely informed of progress as well as expenditure. The

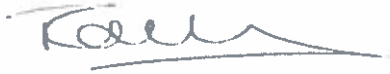
¹ Your proposal is taken to mean your original bid, submitted in September 2017, as amended by any subsequently updated information that was provided in response to DfT questions.

simplest way to deal with this is for you to complete and return quarterly monitoring reports by the due dates and to keep us informed of other significant developments as soon as they occur. A quarterly report form template is attached.

We also require that you undertake monitoring and evaluation of your work. In addition, the DfT is planning to evaluate the impact of the Safer Roads Fund at a programme level. We request that you actively participate in any evaluation activity undertaken by DfT, including fulfilling requirements for the collection of monitoring data. Further details will be issued later this year.

The email address for returning the completed monitoring forms is saferroadsfund@dft.qsi.gov.uk

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Pauline', with a horizontal line underneath it.

PAULINE REEVES
Deputy Director
Road User Licensing Insurance & Safety Division

**Safer Roads Fund
SPECIFIC GRANT DETERMINATION (2019/20): No. 31/3220**

Safer Roads Fund

The Minister for Local Transport ("the Minister"), in exercise of the powers conferred by section 31 of the Local Government Act 2003, makes the following determination:

Citation

1) This determination may be cited as the Safer Roads Fund Specific Grant Determination (2019/20): No. 31/3220

Purpose of the grant

2) The purpose of the grant is to provide support to local authorities in England towards expenditure lawfully incurred or to be incurred by them.

Determination

3) The Minister determines:

(a) that the authorities listed in Annex A are the authorities to which grant under this determination is to be paid;

(b) that the maximum amount of grant payable to each authority shall be the amount shown against the name of the authority in the accompanying table at Annex A.

(c) that any unused funds will be returned to the department in the event that the full amount is no longer required.

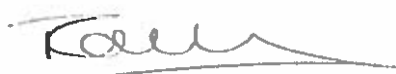
Grant conditions

4) Pursuant to section 31(3) and 31(4) of the Local Government Act 2003, the Minister determines that the grant will be paid subject to the conditions in Annex B.

Treasury consent

5) Before making this determination in relation to local authorities in England, the Minister obtained the consent of the Treasury.

Signed by authority of the Minister for Local Transport



[G5 / Head of Division] Pauline Reeves
A senior civil servant within the Department for Transport

March 2019

GRANT CONDITIONS

1. Grant paid to a local authority under this determination may be used only for the purposes that a capital receipt may be used for in accordance with regulations made under section 11 of the Local Government Act 2003.

2. The Chief Executive and Chief Internal Auditor of each of the recipient authorities are required to sign and return to the team leader of the Local Transport Funding team in the Department for Transport a declaration, to be received as soon as you have read and understood the terms and conditions, in the following terms:

"To the best of our knowledge and belief, and having carried out appropriate investigations and checks, in our opinion, in all significant respects, the conditions attached to Safer Roads Fund Specific Grant Determination (2019/20): No. 31/3220 have been complied with".

3. If an authority fails to comply with any of the conditions and requirements of paragraphs 1 and 2, the Minister may-

- a) reduce, suspend or withhold grant; or
- b) by notification in writing to the authority, require the repayment of the whole or any part of the grant.

4. Any sum notified by the Minister under paragraph 3(b) shall immediately become repayable to the Minister.

ANNEX A

SAFER ROADS FUND GRANT 2019/20: No. 31/3220

Safer Roads Fund March 2019

Transport authority	Scheme	Grant Payment (£M)
Barnsley MBC	A628 Ashton under Lyne A 62	£1,400,000
Calderdale MBC	A6033 Hebden Bridge cross roads and Littleborough	£1,432,000 £899,000
Devon CC	A3121 Ermington A37- Wrangton A38	£1,900.00
Hampshire CC	A27 Fareham Cosham A32 Fareham Gosport A36 Wigley Totton	£600,000 £1,581,000 £180,000
Kent CC	A252 Charing A20 Chilham A28	£2,146,000
Lancashire CC	A683 Lancaster A65 Kirkby Lonsdale A6 Lancaster M6 J33	£3,110,000 £1,216,000
Lincolnshire CC	A631 Bishop Ridge Market Rasen A631 Market Rasen Louth	£1,245,000 £645,000
North Somerset Council	A371 Weston Super Mare A370 Banwell	£982,000
Oldham MBC	A670 Ashton Under Lyne to the A62	£962,000
Portsmouth	A27 Corsham	£61,000
St Helens MBC	A57 M62 J7 Lingley Green	£1,040,000

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