

Delegated Officer Report

Decision Maker:	Helen Lockwood - Deputy Chief Executive People and Place
Date of Decision:	31st August 2021
Subject:	Grant Acceptance: Department for Transport (DfT), Active Travel Fund
Report Author:	Catherine Jackson
Ward (s):	Chadderton Central, Saddleworth West & Lees, Royton South and Coldhurst.

Reason for the decision:

Oldham Council has secured funding from the following source:

- Department for Transport (DfT), Active Travel Fund via Transport for Greater Manchester

The purpose of this report is to confirm the value of the grant available to Oldham and to notify the Officer of the intention to bring this additional resource into the transport capital programme to commence delivery of the schemes.

Summary:

Oldham Council secured funding from the Department for Transport, Active Travel Fund for £49,500 for the purpose of progressing four School Streets schemes.

The 4 schemes will benefit 5 primary schools as follows;

- Hey with Zion and St. Edward's schools in Lees
- Christ Church in Chadderton
- Northmoor Academy in Coldhurst
- St. Anne's in Royton

These schools were selected because they met the criteria for this funding better than some other schools which we know have congestion issues. They are close to other complimentary schemes such as Mayor's Challenge Fund and other Active Travel Schemes. All the schools have committed to working in partnership and registering for Modeshift STARS the National Accreditation scheme for schools.

Oldham Council and Unity Partnership will work together to design and deliver the schemes by March 2022.

School Streets schemes aim to restrict the use of motorised traffic at key times of the school day to encourage parents to walk, cycle or scoot with their children to school for all or part of the journey. A School Street environment should aim to provide a safer environment in which to do this.

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

There are two options:

Option 1: accept the grant offer and deliver the above schemes in an appropriate timescale.

Option 2: do not accept the grant offer and therefore do not deliver the above schemes.

Consultation:

Consultation between Oldham Council and Unity Partnership officers has taken place throughout development of the School Street application. This has also involved discussions with the schools in question to ensure their support and participation in the schemes.

Experimental Traffic Regulation Orders (TRO) and further consultation with the schools, parents, residents and businesses in the localities will take place as the schemes are developed.

The Portfolio Holder for Neighbourhood Services and Ward Councillors have been communicated with and will be kept informed and updated

Recommendation(s):

Option 1: accept the grant offer and deliver the scheme in an appropriate timescale.

Implications:

<i>What are the financial implications?</i>	<p>The cost for the construction of the four School Street schemes is expected not to exceed £49.5k and will be capital expenditure.</p> <p>These will be funded from the additional £49.5k Active Travel Fund resource within the Transport Capital Programme that is detailed within this report.</p> <p>(John Edisbury)</p>
<i>What are the legal implications?</i>	<p>None</p> <p>(Alan Evans)</p>
<i>What are the procurement implications?</i>	<p>No Procurement related matters at this stage. On the basis the proposed School Streets schemes proceed a formal tender process will be followed in compliance with the Council's Contract Procedure Rules in force.</p> <p>(Marc Hayes).</p>
<i>What are the Human Resources implications?</i>	<p>N/A</p>
<i>What are the Children and Young People Implications?</i>	<p>N/A</p>
<i>Equality and Diversity Impact Assessment attached or not required because (please give reason)</i>	<p>N/A</p>
<i>What are the property implications</i>	<p>None</p>
Risks:	<p>None</p> <p>(Mark Stenson)</p>
Co-operative agenda	<p>The Transport Capital Programme is determined and approved centrally (involving Council and Unity officers at a senior level and the Portfolio Holder for Neighbourhood Services) so that schemes meet the Council's statutory duties and wider transport strategy objectives. In the light</p>

of decreasing levels of funding, the development of the programme reflects a co-operative approach, ensuring that where possible schemes meet multiple objectives and complement other capital and revenue programmes such as regeneration. Wherever possible additional relevant funding is bid for in order to extend the amount of work that can be carried out in Oldham. This approach can often result in composite schemes comprising carriageway maintenance, safety enhancements, public realm, pedestrian and cycle improvements, which achieves better value for money.

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

There are no background papers for this report

Report Author Sign-off:	
Catherine Jackson	
Date: 31st August 2021	

Please list and attach any appendices:-

Appendix number or letter	Description

In consultation with Deputy Chief Executive

Hockwood.

Signed:

Date: 1 September 2021