

LIVERPOOL CITY REGION COMBINED AUTHORITY

To: The Chair and Members of the Transport Committee

Meeting: 16 January 2020

Authority/Authorities Affected: All Authorities

EXEMPT/CONFIDENTIAL ITEM: No

REPORT OF MERSEYTRAVEL

Liverpool City Region Green Sustainable Transport Corridors Project – Update

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1. The purpose of this report is to provide an update to the Transport Committee on the delivery of the European Regional Development Funding (ERDF) and Transforming Cities Funding (TCF) funded LCR Green Sustainable Transport Corridors Project.

2. RECOMMENDATIONS

- 2.1. It is recommended that the Transport Committee:
 - (a) Note progress on the delivery of the Liverpool City Region (LCR) Green Sustainable Transport Corridors Project ; and
 - (b) request annual updates on delivery of the Liverpool City Region Green Sustainable Transport Corridors Project until January 2022.

3. BACKGROUND

- 3.1. In October 2016 Merseytravel submitted an application for ERDF funding that would link housing and workplaces through new cycling corridors, enhanced green infrastructure and habitat improvements. Supported by the development of sensors and a mobile app that could monitor and communicate cycling route usage and environmental factors such as air quality.
- 3.2. In January 2019 Liverpool City Region Combined Authority (LCRCA) was successful in its application and awarded £8.4m ERDF funding following an application in October 2017. Matched with £8.5m of local contribution funding including £4.3m TCF latterly approved in July 2019. From April 2019 to December 2022 the project will be delivering 52.8km of cycleway plus 49 hectares of habitat improvements across 9 work packages delivered through our 6 LCR local authorities and Liverpool John Moores University (LJMU) delivering sensor and mobile application development.
- 3.3. Project delivery is staggered across the programme with some work packages delivering while others are still waiting for approval to begin. Those that are

delivering are doing so according to agreed financial profile and project milestones. Those awaiting approval are not in delivery due to legal and funding issues. Of those with issues there is mitigation in place with expected resolution for end of February 2020. A more detailed summary of the current position of each work package can be found in Appendix 1.

4. RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

4.1. Financial

The project is funded from multiple funding pots including ERDF and TCF. LCRCA can now claim quarterly from the managing authority “Ministry of Communities and Local Government” (MHCLG). LCRCA first claim expected to be made in January 2020.

The project team are also looking to access £390k extra ERDF PA6 funding for habitat improvements to improve the scope of the current project.

4.2. Human Resources

There are no known human resource issues.

4.3. Physical Assets

As part of the ERDF funding regulations all development delivered is to be retained and maintained for a period of 15 years by the local authority partners and any respective third party land owners. The development will be protected through a Deed of Covenant that would pass between land owners in case of any transfer. An asset log will be created for the project and we are currently confirming criteria for this log with the managing authority MHCLG.

4.4. Information Technology

There is sensor software and a mobile application being developed as part of the project although these have no implications on LCRCA resources. Although learning will be available for insight into potential future investment.

5. RISKS AND MITIGATION

5.1. The key risks and associated mitigation are set out in Appendix 1.

6. EQUALITY AND DIVERSITY IMPLICATIONS

6.1 There are no known equality and diversity implications. As part of our quarterly reporting to MHCLG reporting is required on cross cutting themes one of which is equality and diversity. This allows partners to plan, review, manage and communicate the impact of their delivery on a quarterly basis.

7. PRIVATE IMPLICATIONS

7.1 After consultation with the Senior Information Management Officer it was deemed that a Privacy Impact Assessment is not required for the project at this moment in time. As good practice the Project Officer will complete a Privacy Impact Assessment to ensure compliance.

8. COMMUNICATION ISSUES

8.1. There are no communication issues within the project at this moment. This is monitored on a monthly basis as part of the projects risk register and reported to both the Transforming Cities Board and the Project Delivery Group.

9. CONCLUSION

9.1. Seven of the work packages have begun delivery with 3 still not in delivery due to funding eligibility or legal issues. Those not delivering have mitigation in place that would still allow delivery of the outputs. Those in delivery are on track with some phases already being completed. The project is delivering within its financial forecast.

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Appendices:

Appendix One – Project delivery update

Background Documents:

None

