

Report of the Deputy Chief Executive

SECTION 106 ITPS ALLOCATIONS1. Purpose of report

To provide an update on available s.106 Integrated Transport (ITPS) funds and to recommend utilising some of these to amend the 2020/21 capital programme with an additional contribution to the Bennerley Viaduct scheme and new schemes associated with the Mushroom Farm development in Eastwood; also to support measures for disabled persons in Beeston.

2. Background

Further information on the section 106 process was given in the report to this Committee on 9 January 2017.

3. Available funding

The funding presently available for allocation is as follows (further details are given in appendix 2):

- ITPS North (can only be spent on sustainable transport schemes in the north of the borough) – £636,461.
- ITPS south (can only be spent on sustainable transport schemes in the south of the borough) – £150,547.

4. Proposed funding allocations (further details are given in appendix 1)

- It is proposed to allocate an additional £100,000 to the Bennerley Viaduct proposal.
- It is proposed to allocate £385,000 for upgrades to the existing bus stop infrastructure in the vicinity of the Mushroom Farm development along the A610 corridor. This investment would offer a step-change improvement in the public transport offer in Eastwood, Newthorpe, Giltbrook, Kimberley, Nuthall, Brinsley and Watnall.
- £15,000 for improvements to Kimberley Footpath 35
- £30,000 for improvements to Strelley Bridleway 4
- £20,000 for the introduction of traffic signal controller upgrades at the Sun Inn gyratory
- £10,000 for Beeston Shopmobility
- £2,000 for wheelchair signage on Broxtowe-owned land near Beeston train station

5. Financial implications

The financial implications are detailed in appendix 2.

Recommendation

The Committee is asked to RESOLVE that the amendments to the 2020/21 capital programme as set out in section 4 above be approved.

Background papers

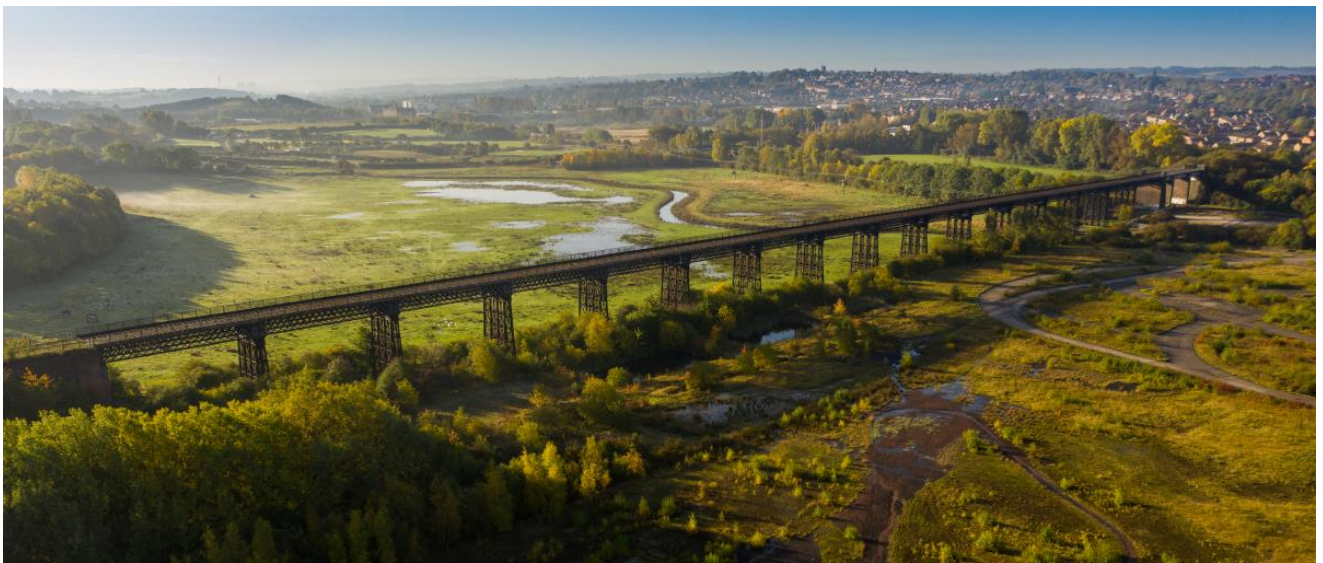
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APPENDIX 1

Bennerley Viaduct contribution

Bennerley Viaduct is a grade II* listed structure dating from 1877. It has a 440 metre span across the Erewash Valley and the viaduct deck is some 18 metres (60 feet) above the River Erewash.

The viaduct is potentially a valuable community asset for transport, recreation and education. The intention is for it to provide a traffic-free link across the Erewash Valley, connecting to surrounding routes, supporting local tourism and enabling people to enjoy the varied heritage and natural attractions of the valley. It could be a focus for learning about industrial heritage in an area steeped in coal-mining, iron-working, railways and canals, and as such is a potential resource for local schools.



The Council has previously agreed to contribute £20,000 to this scheme with £14,450 of the cost met from S106 ITPS funds and £5,550 from General Fund capital receipts. However, the following update from Railway Paths Ltd was received 14 January 2020: -

“The Bennerley Viaduct project is progressing well. Planning Permission and Listed Building Consent for the proposals were granted in 2019 and substantial funding has been secured to implement them, however further significant funding is required. The works for the current project are divided into 3 main elements – the repair works; the western approach works; and the viaduct decking works. Thanks largely to repair grant funding from Historic England the repair works are fully funded and are due to commence in the next few weeks. The western approach works are now also fully funded – these works will provide an accessible zig-zagged path on the viaduct’s western embankment to connect the viaduct deck with the Erewash Canal towpath. What isn’t funded is the viaduct decking works. This key part of the project involves the installation of a new 4.8m wide timber deck surface along the length of the listed ironwork structure to enable full accessibility from one end of the viaduct to the other. Based on tender prices received this element will cost in the region of £400,000 (incl VAT). Other potential funding opportunities are being pursued for these decking works and other design and implementation options are being investigated to see whether there is a more affordable solution.”

On the basis of the above update it is recommended that the Council offer a further £100,000 to this scheme to assist toward the delivery of a significant pedestrian and cyclist

link across the Erewash valley and to introduce a major new tourist attraction in the area. Some delays to the timescales outlined above have subsequently occurred due to Covid-19.

Mushroom Farm Development

Committee will be familiar with the recent Mushroom Farm development off the A610 at Eastwood. In July 2018 the Council received an ITPS allocation of £676,000 in association with this development, and then a further £54,000 in July 2019 making a total of £730,000. The funding has to be used for:

“Measures designed to reduce use of the private car along the A610 corridor within 5 miles of the site or reasonably related to it”

This Council has previously allocated £100,000 of this funding towards further feasibility work on extending the Nottingham tram network from its current terminus at Phoenix Park to Kimberley, Eastwood and potentially beyond. This leaves a sum of £630,000 that needs allocating and spending by 2023.

As Bennerley Viaduct is within 3.5 miles of the development and, in conjunction with existing and proposed cycle routes, helps provide access to the site then it is proposed to also fund this out of the Mushroom Farm allocation. This leaves a sum of £530,000 that needs allocating and spending by 2023.

The recommendation from Borough and County officers is that this money is allocated as follows: -

- £385,000 for upgrades to the existing bus stop infrastructure in the vicinity. This investment would offer a step-change improvement in the public transport offer in Eastwood, Newthorpe, Giltbrook, Kimberley, Nuthall, Brinsley and Watnall.
- £15,000 for improvements to Kimberley Footpath 35.
- £30,000 for improvements to Strelley Bridleway 4.
- £20,000 for the introduction of UTMC controller upgrades at the Sun Inn gyratory (junction of A608/Nottingham Road etc) to improve junction, congestion and incident monitoring. This upgrade also allows for traffic signal intervention if necessary based on congestion or incidents. This improvement should also include for CCTV traffic monitoring equipment to be provided at the junction. This would enable a reduction of delays to public transport at this key location.

This comes to £450,000, leaving a further £80,000 available for schemes still to be considered and prioritised.

Beeston Shopmobility

Members are referred to another report on this agenda for further background and details. The proposal is to allocate up to £10,000 of ITPS funds to fit out a new facility located in close proximity to the Beeston bus/tram interchange.

Beeston train station wheelchair signage

Until lifts are installed at Beeston train station, wheelchair users travelling from one side of the station to the other have to use a circuitous and non-intuitive mostly on-street route. The County Council has recently installed signage on the adopted parts of the route. An extra £2,000 will allow the Borough Council to sign its small part of that route.

APPENDIX 2

Financial Implications

The proposals would impact upon the available ITPS funds as follows:

ITPS Finance	ITPS North	ITPS South
Balance available 31 March 2020	£750,911	£182,047
<i>Add payments received since 31 March 2020</i>		
<i>Less schemes to be carried forward from 2019/20 (as per Statement of Accounts Update and Outturn Position 2019/20 report on this agenda)</i>		
HS2 Potential Extension Studies	£100,000	
Bennerley Viaduct	£14,450	
Hickings Lane Pedestrian Crossing		£31,500
Balance available 30 June 2020	£636,461	£150,547
<i>Proposals in this report</i>		
Bus Stop Infrastructure Upgrades	£385,000	
Kimberley Footpath 35 Improvements	£15,000	
Strelley Bridleway 4 Improvements	£30,000	
Sun Inn Traffic Management Upgrade	£20,000	
Beeston Shopmobility		£10,000
Beeston Train Station wheelchair signage		£2,000
Remaining balance	£186,461	£138,547