



**Brighton & Hove
City Council**

**POLICY, RESOURCES & GROWTH
COMMITTEE
ADDENDUM**

4.00PM, THURSDAY, 23 MARCH 2017

**COUNCIL CHAMBER, HOVE TOWN HALL, NORTON ROAD,
HOVE, BN3 3BQ**

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Subject: Extract from the proceedings of the Environment, Transport & Sustainability Committee meeting held on the 14 March 2017 – 2017/18 Local Transport Plan Capital Programme

Date of Meeting: 23 March 2017

Report of: Executive Lead Officer for Strategy Governance, & Law

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Wards Affected: All

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Action Required of the Committee:

To receive the recommendation referred from the Environment, Transport & Sustainability Committee for consideration.

Recommendations: That Committee agrees the 2017/18 Local Transport Plan capital programme budget allocation of £6.635 million to projects and programmes, as set out in Appendix 2 of this report

BRIGHTON & HOVE CITY COUNCIL

ENVIRONMENT, TRANSPORT & SUSTAINABILITY COMMITTEE

4.00pm 14 MARCH 2017

COUNCIL CHAMBER, HOVE TOWN HALL, NORTON ROAD, HOVE, BN3 3BQ

MINUTES

Present: Councillor Mitchell (Chair) Horan (Deputy Chair), Janio (Opposition Spokesperson), Greenbaum (Group Spokesperson), Atkinson, Deane, Miller, Robins, G Theobald and Wares

PART ONE**76 2017/18 LOCAL TRANSPORT PLAN CAPITAL PROGRAMME**

- 76.1 The Committee considered a report of the Executive Director, Economy that requested the Committee to recommend to Policy & Resources Committee the 2017/18 Local Transport Plan (LTP) capital programme budget allocation of £6.635 million to projects and programmes and to note the indicative allocation of future LTP budgets to projects and programmes for 2018/19 and 2019/20 of £5.169 million per year to fund the LTP 4-year Delivery Plan.
- 76.2 Councillor Theobald welcomed the substantial increase in funding provided by central government. Councillor Theobald noted that Manchester had begun to remove 20mph limits on some streets and asked if officers had any comment to make on that.
- 76.3 The Assistant Director- City Transport stated that he was unsure of the reasons why Manchester had made their decision. Monitoring undertaken in Brighton & Hove had demonstrated a reduction in speed and accidents in roads where 20mph limits had been introduced.
- 76.4 Councillor Miller welcomed the proposed allocation of £40,000 to a scheme in Rottingdean High Street to address poor air quality. Councillor Miller noted that central government had made an announcement of £690 million to be invested in transport schemes in the Budget and asked if officers intended to bid for any of that funding. Councillor Miller noted that £80,000 had been identified for investment in the 20mph scheme and asked whether that investment should be moved elsewhere as he did not believe the introduction of 20mph limits had been successful.
- 76.5 The Head of Transport Policy & Strategy stated that £220 million of the £690 million investment by central government had already been allocated to specific schemes. Further announcements would be made in due course on a portion of the remaining funding and it was his understanding that local authorities would have to bid to win this funding. In relation to the £80,000 allocated for 20mph speed limits, the Head of Transport Policy & Strategy explained that this would be used for certain locations

where compliance was not what it should be and further measures were required to reduce speeds.

- 76.6 Councillor Miller queried the apparent £0 allocation in 2017/18 to Boundary Road/Station Road in Hove. The Head of Transport Policy & Strategy explained that this was correct, but the inclusion of the location in the table was an indication that it would be progressed in future years, in line with a previous decision made by the committee.
- 76.7 Councillor Wares noted that a specific funding of £135,000 had been provided for the repair of potholes and asked if that could be separated out in the budget lines to provide committee oversight of where that was being spent. In addition, Councillor Wares noted that £250,000 had been identified for drainage improvements and enquired whether this would be targeted in the 10 'hot-spot' flood risk areas, such as Patcham. Furthermore, Councillor Wares asked where the £200,000 for High Risk Road safety sites would be spent.
- 76.8 The Assistant Director- City Transport stated that a condition of the £135,000 Pothole Action Fund was for the council to report on the council website on where this had been spent. The intention of the funding was to deliver pro-active structural improvements to stop potholes from forming rather than remedial repairs. The Head of Transport Policy & Strategy stated that the £250,000 identified for drainage improvements would all be invested in existing problems in highway drainage and gulley's and some of those may well be in proximity to some of the hot spots identified in terms of flood risk but no finalised programme had yet been devised. Collision and casualty data would be compiled from validated Police statistics in April or May and when that information was received, a proposed programme would be created for which to allocate the £200,000. That programme could be circulated to the committee members when complete.
- 76.9 Councillor Janio noted that allocations for National Productivity Investment Fund (NPIF) appeared in the report to be directed towards West Street/Shelter Hall. Councillor Janio enquired as to whether this would be an indefinite allocation or whether a priority would follow this and what that would be. Councillor Janio noted that £160,000 was allocated toward Valley Gardens and asked whether this related to the beginning of construction work.
- 76.10 The Head of Transport Policy & Strategy stated that there would be consideration of other projects/locations for NPIF allocations in 2018/19 and beyond, once works at West Street/Shelter Hall had been completed. He confirmed that having an additional line in the table would have clarified this. He added that work on site would begin for the Valley Gardens project before the end of March 2018.
- 76.11 Councillor Robins noted the priority accorded to progressing a scheme for the Boundary Road/Station Road shopping area within the future programme, and asked if the scheme would include the Carlton Terrace section, which is north of the level crossing.
- 76.12 The Head of Transport Policy & Strategy confirmed that the Carlton Terrace section of Boundary Road/Station Road was considered to be part of the retail frontage in that area and would be included.

- 76.13 Councillor Greenbaum noted her disappointment in the lack of reference to air quality improvement measures and there were many more things that could be done by the council in terms of the scale of the problems faced in Brighton & Hove.
- 76.14 The Chair stated that across the entire LTP programme, the need to improve air quality was addressed and asked officers if there were any specific funding announcements made by central government.
- 76.15 The Head of Transport Policy & Strategy clarified that there were many areas of investment across the LTP programme that sought to improve air quality and included the Safer Routes to School programme and School Travel Plan measures that were focussed on sustainable measures of transport, the Intelligent Transport Systems investment and the electrical vehicle charging point investment.
- 76.16 Councillor Deane noted that the committee had received a deputation earlier in the meeting cataloguing the many transport issues in Surrey Street but the area and any measures to address the problem was not mentioned in the report.
- 76.17 The Head of Transport Policy & Strategy noted that £15,000 was allocated in the report for final amendments to the Brighton Station Gateway scheme and that could contribute to improvements on Surrey Street as required and subject to any progress made in discussions with GTR (Govia Thameslink Railway) regarding the taxi rank.
- 76.18 Councillor Theobald enquired as to the budget allocated for pedestrian crossing improvements in 2017/18 in comparison to the previous financial year, and whether any allocation could be used for yellow lines outside of controlled parking zones.
- 76.19 The Head of Transport Policy & Strategy stated that the budget allocated this year of £115,000 for pedestrian crossing was the same as in the previous financial year and the allocation of that investment would be relative to the nature of the improvements that were required in the locations prioritised by the committee in October 2016. The Parking Infrastructure Manager clarified that yellow lines could be introduced for schemes related to the LTP and outside of controlled parking zones as well as maintenance of existing yellow lines.
- 76.20 Councillor Wares enquired as to how the committee could be assured that the varying allocations were an accurate reflection of the investment required.
- 76.21 The Head of Transport Policy & Strategy stated that page 76 of the report noted that there were caveats to the allocations made that could reflect a change in circumstances or revisions required. Furthermore, the programme of spend was monitored on a monthly basis by officers.
- 76.22 **RESOLVED-**
- That the Environment, Transport & Sustainability Committee:
- 1) Recommends to request that Policy, Resources & Growth Committee agrees the 2017/18 Local Transport Plan capital programme budget allocation of £6.635 million to projects and programmes, as set out in Appendix 2 of this report; and

- 2) Notes the indicative allocation of future LTP budgets to projects and programmes for 2018/18 and 2019/20 of at least £5.169 million in each year to fund the Local Transport Plan 4-year Delivery Plan, as set out in paragraph 7.1 of this report.

Subject:	Establishment of Brighton and Hove Community Fund: Extract from the proceedings of the Neighbourhoods, Communities & Equalities Committee Meeting held on the 13 March 2017		
Date of Meeting:	23 March 2017		
Report of:	Executive Lead for Strategy, Governance & Law		
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Wards Affected:	All		

FOR GENERAL RELEASE

Action Required of the Policy, Resources & Growth Committee

To receive the item referred from the Neighbourhoods, Communities & Equalities Committee for consideration.

Recommendation:

- (1) That Policy, Resources & Growth (PRG) Committee be recommended to approve the closure of the trusts and the transfer of the endowments listed in appendix 1 of the report to Sussex Community Foundation for the purpose of establishing the Brighton and Hove Community Fund as outlined in the report; and
- (2) That delegated authority be granted to the Executive Director of Neighbourhoods, Communities and Housing to take all steps necessary to action and complete the transfer.

BRIGHTON & HOVE CITY COUNCIL**NEIGHBOURHOODS, COMMUNITIES & EQUALITIES COMMITTEES****4.00PM 13 MARCH 2017****COUNCIL CHAMBER, HOVE TOWN HALL****MINUTES**

Present: Councillors Daniel (Chair); Moonan (Deputy Chair), Simson (Opposition Spokesperson), Littman (Group Spokesperson), Bell, Gibson, Hill, Lewry, K. Norman and Penn.

Invitees: Joanna Martindale (Hangleton & Knoll Project); Anusree Biswas Sasidharan (BME Brighton & Hove Police Engagement Group), Jane Lodge (CCG) and Jane Ross (Community Works).

63 ESTABLISHMENT OF BRIGHTON AND HOVE COMMUNITY FUND

62.1 The Head of Communities & Equality introduced the report which detailed changes to the delivery of the Third Sector Investment Programme and proposals to transfer council held dormant and under-utilised endowment funds to Sussex Community Foundation to form a Brighton and Hove Community Fund (B&HCF). She stated that discussions had been held with the community and voluntary sector, the Members Advisory Group, CCG colleagues and the Charity Commission. It was intended that the BHCF would be established as an umbrella fund in order that additional objectives may be created as additional donors/funding were secured. The fund would then make grants under the following two objectives:

- (i) Awards to community and voluntary organisations supporting children and young people across Brighton and Hove; and
- (ii) Awards to support aims and objectives of libraries.

62.2 The Head of Communities & Equality also confirmed that the BHCF would at all times and under all circumstances, be used exclusively for the benefit of the community in Brighton and Hove.

62.3 The Chief Executive Officer of Sussex Community Foundation (SCF) informed the committee that the Foundation had been established for 11 years and had an excellent record of managing portfolios and securing additional investments that could then be used to support the aims of the BHCF. He also noted that SCF already supported a number of community groups and voluntary organisations in the city and that the BHCF grants and any additional funds secured for the fund would be used in conjunction with those already allocated to the city by SCF and not as an alternative source of funding.

- 62.4 Councillor Simson stated that as a member of the Members Advisory Group she had been involved in the process and fully supported the recommendations. However, she felt that there should be some Member oversight and asked if this would be possible.
- 62.5 Councillor Littman stated that he echoed Councillor Simson's comments and fully supported the proposed approach.
- 62.6 Councillor Bell referred to paragraph 4.3 of the report and appendix 1 and sought clarification in regard to the transfer of the funds and the maintenance of the first three funds listed in the appendix.
- 62.7 The Head of Communities & Equality stated that it was intended for all the funds listed to be transferred across to the BHCF but that the aims of those funds would be maintained although they would be updated to reflect the objectives of the BCHF. She apologised for any confusion and stated that she would ensure this was made clearer in time for the PR&G Committee meeting.
- 62.8 Councillor Druitt stated that the report was an example of a fantastic piece of work which would result in the use of resources for the benefit of those in the city. However, with the closure of the various funds he wondered if anything was being done to acknowledge the aims and objectives of those funds.
- 62.9 The CEO of Sussex Community Foundation stated it was intended to retain a record of the donors and legacies as part of SCF's history and for reference purposes. He also stated that he was happy for the Council to have representation on the decision-making panel for the award of funds and would welcome Member involvement.
- 62.10 The Chair thanked the representatives from Sussex Community Foundation for attending the meeting and officers for their work in bringing the report to the committee. She hoped that the PR&G Committee would support the recommendations and that officers could then reach an agreement with SCF on the make-up of the decision-making panel and asked that the committee members be updated accordingly.
- 62.11 **RESOLVED:**
- (1) That Policy, Resources & Growth (PRG) Committee be recommended to approve the closure of the trusts and the transfer of the endowments listed in appendix 1 of the report to Sussex Community Foundation for the purpose of establishing the Brighton and Hove Community Fund as outlined in the report; and
 - (2) That delegated authority be granted to the Executive Director of Neighbourhoods, Communities and Housing to take all steps necessary to action and complete the transfer.

AGENDA ITEM 149

ASSET MANAGEMENT FUND 2017/18

CONSERVATIVE GROUP AMENDMENT

That an additional recommendation 2.2 be added to recommendations as shown in ***bold italics***.

2. RECOMMENDATIONS:

2.1 That ***subject to recommendation 2.2 below***, Policy, Resources & Growth Committee approve the Asset Management Fund bids for 2017/18 totalling £1 million, as detailed in paragraph 3.3 of this report; ***and***

2.2 ***That, officers be requested to bring a report to the next meeting of the Policy, Resources & Growth Committee detailing options for funding, part of which may come from the Asset Management Fund, in order to reopen the toilet in Hove Cemetery on the north side of Old Shoreham Road.***

Proposed by: Cllr G. Theobald

Seconded by: Cllr Janio

Recommendations if carried to read:

2.1 That subject to recommendation 2.2 below, Policy, Resources & Growth Committee approve the Asset Management Fund bids for 2017/18 totalling £1 million, as detailed in paragraph 3.3 of this report; and

2.2 That, officers be requested to bring a report to the next meeting of the Policy, Resources & Growth Committee detailing options for funding, part of which may come from the Asset Management Fund, in order to reopen the toilet in Hove Cemetery on the north side of Old Shoreham Road.

