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<b>Title of meeting:</b>	Cabinet Member for Traffic and Transportation Decision Meeting
<b>Subject:</b>	Capability Fund
<b>Date of meeting:</b>	Thursday 28 <sup>th</sup> June 2021
<b>Report by:</b>	Tristan Samuels - Director of Regeneration
<b>Wards affected:</b>	All

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**1. Requested by**

1.1 Report requested by the Cabinet Member for Traffic and Transportation

**2. Purpose**

2.1 The purpose of this report is to detail the initiatives that have been bid for via the DfT's Capability Fund.

**3. Background**

3.1 On the 3 March 2021, the Department for Transport notified all Combined and Local transport authorities of their indicative revenue funding allocations for 2021/22 under the new one year Local Authority Capability Fund.

3.2 The Local Authority Capability Fund replaces the Access Fund, the previous scheme through which local authorities bid for revenue funding. The Capability Fund is linked to and supports the commitment made in 'Gear Change', the Prime Minister's Cycling and Walking Plan in July 2020 and will help the council to;

- Plan and design the key active travel routes identified in the LCWIP ready to bid for capital funding to construct them;
- To encourage the use of existing and new active travel infrastructure to access education, employment and leisure opportunities;
- To monitor and evaluate data from the projects to ensure future projects are based on evidence-based planning.

3.3 The amount of funding for each authority has been calculated according to a formula which takes account of value for money and the Government's key objectives to level up the economy and to support jobs and skills to help the

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economy recover from Covid-19. This took into account population, the Index of Multiple Deprivation (IMD) and propensity for walking and cycling.

- 3.4 The total amount of funding that Portsmouth City Council could bid for is £329,608. This currently a one-off revenue only payment.

**4. Bid Components**

Intervention	Description	Funding Bid (£)
Cycle Maintenance Sessions	To provide part time employment for residents experiencing difficulty finding full time employment, training them in cycle maintenance to then offer free cycle maintenance sessions to residents who may not be able to afford standard cycle shops for repairs	26,000
Workplace Travel Planning	Web based platform or engagement officers to evidence, track, plan and change organisations commuter emissions through membership of the platform	50,000
School Travel Planning	'Stomper' Mobile Phone Application to gather school travel data.	35,000
School Travel Challenge	Continuation of established Portsmouth City Council 'Stomper-Walk to School' initiative and to build on the School Streets project that the council are developing alongside Sustrans.	20,000
Led Cycle Rides	Weekly led rides for families to encourage cycling as leisure activity and to integrate cycling into everyday life.	25,000
Cycle Loan Scheme	To complement the Portsmouth City Council	25,000

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	staff parking review to establish a pool bike scheme for 3,000 council staff to reduce the need for staff to use private vehicles for short distance journeys in the city.	
Intervention	Description	Funding Bid (£)
Cycle Security Measures	To provide secure and lit cycle storage that will allow residents particularly in flat fronted terrace to incorporate cycling into their daily lives.	30,000
Community Active Travel Events	To promote active travel as part of daily life.	40,000
Active Travel Marketing/Communications Activities	Website, newspaper and social media coverage for events and initiatives.	10,000
Scheme Planning	To carry out a feasibility study on the identified and recommended short term LCWIP recommendations.	10,000
Scheme Design	Designers fees to prepare the schemes selected through the LCWIP feasibility, see scheme planning section above, to be developed into concept and final design.	30,000
Public engagement/consultation	Public engagement process on the concept designs to feed into the final designs.	10,000
Data & evidence collection/modelling/research	To collate existing data into one platform as a central base for data and to purchase equipment to collect new data that will form the basis of the development of new schemes.	18,582

4.1 At the time of writing the results of the bid were not known. Members will be updated when the announcement has been made.

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Signed by Tristan Samuels, Director of Regeneration

**Appendices:**

**Background list of documents: Section 100D of the Local Government Act 1972**

Title of document	Location

The following documents disclose facts or matters, which have been relied upon to a material extent by the author in preparing this report: