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THE RESULTS OF THE AREA BOARD 'SUBSTANTIVE HIGHWAY SCHEME' FUNDING BID PROCESS

Purpose of Report

To announce the results of the distribution of the Local Transport Plan (LTP) Area Board 'Substantive Highway Scheme' budget of £250,000 in 2015/16.

Consultation

The Cabinet Member report that outlined and approved the mechanism for applying for Substantive Highway Scheme funding was circulated to all Members and Community Area Managers in July 2011. In addition, informal consultation on the Substantive Highway Scheme funding mechanism and the opportunity to bid for funding has taken place at the Area Board Community Area Transport Group meetings since that time.

Options Considered

The mechanism that was approved in July 2011 for distributing the Substantive Highway Scheme Fund awards funding according to value for money and deliverability. Under this mechanism, value for money is the ratio of the cost and benefit of the prospective scheme and deliverability is an assessment of how challenging a scheme would be to implement within a given financial year, considering technical, legal/procedural, operational, financial and public factors. **Appendix 1** sets out the Substantive Highway Scheme Bid Evaluation Formula incorporating the above.

Eight bids were received this year and have been scored using the Substantive Highway Scheme Bid Evaluation Formula which ranks the schemes according to cost-benefit and deliverability. The results are set out in **Appendix 2**.

Unlike in previous years, the Substantive Highway Scheme Fund was not heavily oversubscribed and all eight bids have been successful in being allocated funding. However, three schemes scored poorly in terms of deliverability (highlighted with an asterisk) and these will need to be further developed to determine whether they can be implemented for the sums of money that have been bid for. If, following the further design work, it is demonstrated that these schemes cannot be delivered within the budget awarded they will not be implemented and the allocated funding will return to the main Integrated Transport budget.

Reason for Decision

There needs to be a mechanism for delivering Area Board transport scheme priorities that exceed the Area Board's available discretionary highway budget and are unable to be implemented in phases over time. The agreed methodology and the application of the Substantive Highway Scheme Bid Evaluation Formula has resulted in eight scheme bids being awarded Substantive Highway Scheme funding in 2015/16.

DECISION MADE

I approve that the results of the Substantive Highway Scheme funding mechanism, as set out in **Appendix 2**, be approved.

This decision was published on 10 August 2015 and will come into force on 18 August 2015

The following supporting documents are attached:

- Report
- Appendix 1 – Substantive Highway Scheme Bid Evaluation Formula
- Appendix 2 – Substantive Highway Scheme Bid Scoring

The following supporting documents are available from the officer named above:

Cabinet Member report – Distribution of the Local Transport Plan Area Board 'Substantive Highway Scheme' Budget in 2011-12 (July 2011)

Date:10 August 2015..... signed.....

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