

ENVIRONMENT OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY SUB COMMITTEE

Subject Heading:

**Traffic & Parking Safety Schemes
2021_22.**

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Policy context:

**London Borough of Havering's
Highways Improvement Plan (HIP),
Transport for London's (TfLs) Local
Implementation Plan (LIP) and S106 /
CIL (Developer) Funded Traffic and
Parking Road Safety Schemes
Overview for 2021/22**

SUMMARY

- 1.1 In line with Transport for London's (TfL's) actions for local authorities with high levels of transport use such as Havering, the Mayor's Transport Strategy (MTS) sets out objectives including healthy streets and provision of a good transport experience as key parts of the MTS policy framework. The Local Implementation Plan (LIP) is an allocation of funding to the London boroughs by TfL to spend on projects that support the MTS and shape London's social and economic development to encourage active travel and make provisions for both walking and cycling.
- 1.2 The council recognises there are additional measures that could be implemented to improve the environmental aspects of areas in Havering to improve road safety to reduce casualties of all road users on both Transport for London Road Network (TLRN) and borough roads, especially in the vicinity of schools.
- 1.3 Havering is investing significant levels of its' LIP funding on physical infrastructure measures to encourage modal shift. A substantial element of LIP funding is also spent on measures focused on securing behaviour change and presenting alternative travel choices for journeys.

- 1.4 These measures often encompass educational initiatives delivered in schools, to businesses and other community groups to encourage people to consider making choices involving smarter travel and road safety education initiatives. The aim of these is to encourage people to walk, cycle or use public transport to/from their destination and ultimately see a reduction in journeys by private vehicles.
- 1.5 School Street schemes which are funded by TfL, offers a proactive solution for school communities to tackle air pollution, poor health, and road danger reduction. A School Street scheme will encourage a healthier lifestyle, active travel to school for families and lead to a better environment for everyone. These schemes are a preferred choice as they are in the main self-enforcing with the use of Closed-circuit television (CCTV) at timed closures points operational during school drop off and pick up times.
- 1.6 In line with these funding streams this report sets out the types of schemes these funds are allocated to.

RECOMMENDATIONS

- 2.0 That the contents of this report are for presentation purposes only at the Environment Overview & Scrutiny Sub Committee.

REPORT DETAIL

- 3.0 Highways, Traffic and Parking receives funding in several ways. The Local Implementation Plan (LIP) money is allocated by the Department for Transport (DfT) to the London boroughs, via TFL, to spend on projects that support the Mayor's Transport Strategy. Financial support is provided for schemes to improve transport networks such as principal road maintenance, school streets, moving traffic contraventions, bridge strengthening, neighbourhoods and supporting measures, traffic signal modernisation for sites on borough roads and major schemes. More details of LIP funding are provided under item 4 below.
- 3.1 Part of the developer agreement includes conditions for allocations of S106 / CIL money, which is funding made to the council by developers when there may be a requirement for the council to adopt roads or carry out the legal process for implementing parking controls.
- 3.2 The council also allocates capital funding for approved schemes such as the Highways' Improvement Plan (HIP) where investment is allocated to make improvements on borough's roads, footpaths and street lights.

4.0 Local Implementation Plan

- 4.1 A Local Implementation Plan (LIP) is a statutory document prepared under Section 145 of the Greater London Authority (GLA) Act 1999. Its purpose is to set out to Transport for London (TfL) how Havering intends to deliver the Mayor of London's Transport Strategy (MTS) at a local level.
- 4.2 A LIP is required if the Council is to receive annual financial funding from TfL. The Mayor of London intends that this financial support will allow the borough to implement schemes to improve the transport network in line with Mayoral requirements and regarding local circumstances, priorities, and resources.
- 4.3 A key part of the LIP is the three-year delivery plan which sets out:
- a) how the Council intends to spend indicative allocations received from the Mayor of London.
 - b) broad packages of schemes that would be delivered over specific time periods.
- 4.4 The Council's LIP was approved by the Deputy Mayor for Transport in June 2019 and the three-year delivery plan contained within it covers the years 2019/20, 2020/21 and 2021/22.
- 4.5 Under normal circumstances, every year, the Council must make a LIP Annual Spending Submission (ASS) to TfL to secure funding for transportation initiatives and programmes that will be delivered across the Borough in the following financial year. Each year boroughs are given indicative funding allocations based on a funding formula, and the purpose of the funding submission is to set out how that funding will be spent.
- 4.6 Each year TfL advises London Boroughs to develop their spending submissions based on its LIP funding guidance and the requirements for this include:
- a) Supporting the Mayor's Healthy Streets Initiative and the important Vision Zero road safety initiative.
 - b) Encourage measures that affect significant modal shift from the private car to walking, cycling and public transport in line with the overarching objective of the MTS.
 - c) Reflect the Mayor's three core priorities of Healthy Streets and Healthy People, A Good Public Transport Experience, and New Homes and Jobs as set out in the Mayor's Transport Strategy.
 - d) Work towards delivering LIP targets as set out in borough Local Implementation Plans (LIP3).
 - e) Reflect the Council's own priorities and strategies and objectives as set out in our Local Implementation Plan (LIP), and other strategies such as the Council's emerging Local Plan.

5.0 Funding during Covid 19 Pandemic.

5.1 The last 12 to 15 months have seen a marked change in the way in which TfL allocates funding to London Boroughs. TfL have received three government bailouts since the start of the Pandemic. This is because TfL are reliant of revenue it generates through passengers using public transport. Given the significant reduction in passenger transport use for a substantial period of the last 12 to 15 months, this has affected the level of revenue that gets generated for TfL. As result the government has had to provide TfL with financial assistance.

5.2 The most recent financial settlements cover the period 1st June to 11th December 2021 where TfL have received £1.08 billion from the Government. TfL are presently discussing with boroughs how much funding will be allocated to deliver transport schemes over the next 6 months up to 11th December. There is no certainty over funding beyond this date. At the time of writing this report, it is not yet known what schemes will be delivered over the next few months.

5.3 Financial Summary Details are provided in Traffic Safety Schemes Presentation - Appendix A

IMPLICATIONS AND RISKS

Financial implications and risks: N/A - Full details are individually provided on approval for each scheme.

Legal implications and risks: N/A - Full details are individually provided on approval for each scheme.

Human Resources implications and risks: N/A - Full details are individually provided on approval for each scheme.

Equalities implications and risks: These will be individually provided on approval for each scheme.

Business Partners: Full details are individually provided on approval for each scheme.

BACKGROUND PAPERS

- Local Implementation Plan (LIP) and Local Development Framework and Strategic Transport.
https://www.havering.gov.uk/downloads/download/728/havering_local_implementation_plan_transport_strategy
- Mayor's Transport Strategy (MTS) and Transport for London (TfL)
<https://tfl.gov.uk/corporate/about-tfl/the-mayors-transport-strategy>