

Committee(s): Resource Allocation Sub Committee Policy & Resources Committee	Date(s): 2nd May 2024 11th May 2024
Subject: Capital Funding Update	Public
Which outcomes in the City Corporation's Corporate Plan does this proposal aim to impact directly?	The schemes for which funding is now requested span across a range of corporate outcomes
For City Bridge Foundation (CBF), which outcomes in the BHE Bridging London 2020 – 2045 Strategy does this proposal aim to support?	
Does this proposal require extra revenue and/or capital spending?	Yes
If so, how much?	£2.6m
What is the source of Funding?	£2.376m - City Fund, £0.208m City Estate and £0.016m CBF
Has this Funding Source been agreed with the Chamberlain's Department?	Yes
Report of: The Chamberlain	For Decision
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Summary

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- Firstly, within available funding, 'in principle' approval to the highest priority bids is sought and appropriate provisions are set aside in the annual capital and revenue budgets within the MTFPs.
- Secondly, following scrutiny via the gateway process to provide assurance of robust option appraisal, project management and value for money, Members are asked to confirm that these schemes remain a priority for which funding should be released at this time.

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Release of £2.6m to allow progression of three schemes summarised in Table 2 'Project Funding Requests' is now requested.

Recommendations

Resource Allocation Sub Committee Members and Policy & Resources Committee are requested:

- (i) To review the schemes summarised in Table 2 and, particularly in the context of the current financial climate, to confirm their continued essential priority for release of funding at this time and accordingly:
- (ii) To agree the release of up to £2.6m for the schemes progressing to the next Gateway in Table 2 from City Fund £2.376m (including £2m for OSPR and £0.065m CIL), City Estate 0.208m and £0.016m from City Bridge Fund (CBF).

Main Report

Background

1. Schemes have been approved in principle through the annual capital bids process and the CIL and OSPR quarterly approvals but they are to subject a drawdown approval when the funding is required to progress
2. The scope of schemes subject to this prioritisation relates only to those funded from central sources, which include the On-Street Parking Reserve, Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL), flexible external contributions and allocations from the general reserves of City Fund, City's Cash or CBF¹. This means that projects funded from most ring-fenced funds, such as the Housing Revenue Account, Designated Sales Pools and Cyclical Works Programmes *are excluded*, as well as schemes wholly funded from external grants, and tenant/developer contributions e.g. under S278 agreements and S106 deposits.
3. Members are reminded of the two-step funding mechanism via the annual capital bid process:
 - Firstly, 'in principle' approval to the highest priority bids within available funding is sought and appropriate provisions are set aside in the annual capital and revenue budgets and the MTFPs.
 - Secondly, following scrutiny via the gateway process to provide assurance of robust option appraisal, project management and value for money, RASC is asked to confirm that these schemes remain a priority for which funding should be released at this time.

Current Position

4. The total amount of funding for approved schemes is shown in Appendix 1
5. Pedestrian Priority Programme and St Paul's Cathedral External Re- Lighting have been approved as part of the CIL & OSPR bidding process.
6. The updated capital programme includes the 24/25 projects approved by Court of Common Council on the 7th March.

¹ Contributions from City Bridge Foundation are limited to its share of corporate schemes such as works to the Guildhall Complex or corporate IT systems and are subject to the specific approval of the City Bridge Foundation

Current Requests for the Release of Funding

7. There are three schemes with 'in principle' funding approved as part of the capital bids that have progressed through the gateways, for which release of up to £2.6m is requested:

Table 2: Project Funding Requests	Next Gateway	CIL/OSP R	City Fund £m	City's Estate £m	City Bridge Foundation £m	Total £m
<u>Funding to progress to the next gateway</u>						
Future Network Programme	GW5		0.311	0.208	0.016	0.535
St Paul's Cathedral External Re-lighting	GW4C	CIL	0.065			0.065
Pedestrian Priority Programme		OSPR	2.000			2.000
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			2.376	0.208	0.016	2.600

8. Further details of the individual schemes are provided in Appendix 2 attached.
9. In accordance with step two of the capital funding mechanism, Members will wish to confirm that these schemes remain a priority for funding to be released at this time particularly in the context of the current financial climate.
10. Funding for these schemes can be met from the provisions set aside from City Fund £2.376m, £0.56m City Estate and £0.05m City Bridge Foundation.

Conclusion

11. Members are requested to:
- 1) review the above and consider in the context of the completion of the capital review and the current financial climate their continued support for the schemes requesting internal resources to proceed, and;
 - 2) approve the associated release of funding in Table 2.

Appendices

Appendix 1 - Approved Bids

Appendix 2 - Requests for Release of Funding – Scheme Details

Background Papers

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