

Committee(s): Resource Allocation Sub Committee Policy & Resources Committee	Date 3 rd February 2025 13 th February 2025
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?	£7.4m
What is the source of Funding?	£6.7m - City Fund, £0.6m City Estate £0.1 CBF
Has this Funding Source been agreed with the Chamberlain's Department?	Yes
Report of: The Chamberlain	For Decision
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Summary

The purpose of this report is for Members to consider release (following gateway approvals) to allow schemes to progress.

Members are reminded of the two-step funding mechanism for capital funding

- 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.

Members need to consider release (following gateway approvals) to allow schemes to progress.

Release of £7.4m to allow progression of six schemes summarised in Table 1 '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 1 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 £7.4m for the schemes progressing to the next Gateway in Table 1 from City Fund £6.7m (£6.5m from OSPR) and £0.6m from City Estate. The CBF element will be approved separately through delegation to the CBF director.

Main Report

Background

1. Schemes have been approved in principle through the annual capital budget setting process and, where appropriate, the CIL and OSPR quarterly approvals but they are subject to a drawdown approval when the funding is required to progress.
2. The scope of 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.

Current Position

3. The total amount of funding available to draw down for approved schemes is £118m shown in Appendix 1.

Current Requests for the Release of Funding

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

4. There are six schemes with 'in principle' funding approved that have progressed through the gateways, for which release of up to £7.4m is requested:

Table 1 Project Funding Requests

Table 2: Project Funding Requests	Gateway	CIL/OSPR	City Fund £m	City's Estate £m	City Bridge Foundation £m	Total £m
Funding to progress to the next gateway						
East Poultry Avenue Canopy Remedial Repair Works	GW2-GW5			0.600		0.600
Car Parks Fire and Health Safety Actions –CCTV		OSPR	0.191			0.191
Pedestrian Priority	GW5	OSPR	1.300			1.300
Outdoor Fitness Equipment at Old Waterman's Walk	GW2-GW5	OSPR	0.091			0.091
St Pauls Gyrotory	GW5	OSPR	4.900			4.900
Future Network Programme	GW4b		0.200	0.134	0.010	0.344
			6.682	0.734	0.010	7.426

5. Further details of the individual schemes are provided in Appendix 2 attached.
6. In accordance with step two of the capital funding mechanism, Members are required to approve the funding drawdown for these schemes
7. Funding for these schemes can be met from the provisions set aside from City Fund £6.7m OSPR and £0.7m from City Estate and £0.1m from CBF

Conclusion

8. Members are requested to:

1) Review the above, with members are asked to approve the funding drawdowns for the schemes in Table 1 that are included in the Medium Term Financial Plan.

Appendices

Appendix 1 - Approved Bids

Appendix 2 - Requests for Release of Funding – Scheme Details

Background Papers

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