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<p><b>HAMMERSMITH FLYOVER - GREENING, PLANTING AND CYCLE PARKING IMPROVEMENT SCHEME</b></p>	
<p><b>Report of the Cabinet Member for the Environment – Councillor Wesley Harcourt</b></p>	
<p><b>Open Report</b></p>	
<p><b>Classification - For Decision</b></p>	
<p><b>Key Decision: Yes</b></p>	
<p><b>Consultation</b> Waste, Community Safety, Highways, Air Quality, Parks and Leisure, Finance</p>	
<p><b>Wards Affected:</b> Hammersmith Broadway</p>	
<p><b>Accountable Director: Mahmood Siddiqi, Director of Highways &amp; Parks</b></p>	
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## 1. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

- 1.1. This report seeks approval to progress the Hammersmith Flyover Greening, Planting and Cycle Parking Improvement Scheme.
- 1.2. Hammersmith Business Improvement District (BID) successfully applied for £196k of funding from the Mayor of London's Air Quality Fund (MAQF) for improvements to the space under Hammersmith Flyover. £40k is also contributed to the project as match funding from the Council's Local Improvement Plan (LIP) allocation. The total scheme cost is £236,000.

## 2. RECOMMENDATIONS

- 2.1. That authority be delegated to the Director of Highways & Parks in consultation with the Cabinet Member for the Environment to approve the implementation of the Greening, Planting and Cycle Parking Scheme in Autumn 2018, prior to the funding expiring in January 2019.

- 2.2. That an order is placed with the Council's Term Contractor (FM Conway PLC) for up to £236,000, £196,000 of which will be invoiced to Hammersmith BID who have secured the project funding from the Mayor of London's Air Quality Fund (MAQF).

### **3. REASONS FOR DECISION**

- 3.1. The funding stream provided to Hammersmith BID presents an opportunity to deliver a scheme which will improve the urban realm space under Hammersmith Flyover with greening, planting and cycle parking.

### **4. PROPOSAL AND ISSUES**

- 4.1. Physical improvements under the flyover and a wider programme of complementary work is designed to improve the urban realm of the Hammersmith flyover. This will be through greening and provision of cycle parking infrastructure. All the proposed works fall under the council's statutory powers under a variety of acts including the Traffic Management Act 2004.
- 4.2. Improvements include green ivy screens to be fixed to the existing guard railing and not exceeding the guard rail height. Planters will be placed in the area to improve the public realm. Improvements will be made to the garden outside St. Paul's School entrance on Sussex Place.
- 4.3. The funding will be spent according to the following approximate costs:
- £50k – Ivy screens along guard rails
  - £50k – Planters with varied species
  - £85k – Cyclehub implementation
  - £30k – St. Paul's School Garden
  - £20k – Painting/artwork.
- 4.4. The types of plant species used for the screens and in planters will be chosen to help reduce pollutants from the atmosphere that are emitted by motor vehicles.
- 4.5. A cycle hub at the junction of Talgarth Road and Fulham Palace Road will increase cycle parking capacity and reduce clutter. Painting of the flyover columns and walls along Talgarth Road are also being investigated with Transport for London (TfL).
- 4.6. No changes are planned to the carriageway and no changes to traffic and overall car parking provision are expected.
- 4.7. The funding constraints from TfL are to complete the scheme by January 2019 and claim all funds by February 2019. Officers are confident implementation can take place between October and December 2018 if decisions are delegated to the Director of Transport, Highways and Parks.

- 4.8. Where changes to the highway are proposed, these are to be in line with section 122 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984; securing the expeditious, convenient, and safe movement of vehicular and other traffic (including pedestrians) and the provision of suitable and adequate parking facilities.

## **5. OPTIONS AND ANALYSIS OF OPTIONS**

- 5.1. Officers have considered several design options and a final concept design is presented with this paper as Appendix 1. The conditions of the funding and the layout and urban environment under the flyover mean that the options for greening are limited.
- 5.2. It is recommended that the green ivy screens, planters with a variety of low light species, a cycle hub and potentially painting is progressed as this represents the most deliverable scheme at present.

## **6. CONSULTATION**

- 6.1. Consultation undertaken to date has included an external stakeholder group organised by Hammersmith BID of local businesses and organisations.
- 6.2. Consultation has also taken place across the Council with Community Safety, Waste Management, Highways, Air Quality and Environment, Finance as well as TfL which owns the flyover.
- 6.3. The scheme will undergo an advisory online public consultation from 3<sup>rd</sup> September until 4<sup>th</sup> October 2018 and any feedback will be considered in the final design stage.

## **7. EQUALITY IMPLICATIONS**

- 7.1. The groups with the following protected characteristics will benefit from improvements to the council's highway network and urban environment through accessibility improvements such as entry treatments which reduce the crossing distance for pedestrians and a reduced volume of heavy goods vehicle traffic; Age, Disability, Pregnancy and Maternity.
- 7.2. All groups will benefit from improved air quality which is one of the core objectives of the LIP and the Mayor of London's environmental policies.
- 7.3. *Implications verified/completed by: Peter Smith, tel. 020 8753 2206.*

## **8. LEGAL IMPLICATIONS**

- 8.1. The proposed works set out in this report are being carried out by the Council in its capacity at the Local Highway Authority for Hammersmith and Fulham.
- 8.2. Parts IV and V of the Highways Act 1980 place a duty on the Council for creating, improving and maintaining highways and provides the necessary powers to carry out such works.

- 8.3. The Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 and Traffic Management Act 2004 provides the Council with powers to regulate or restrict traffic on the roads within the borough, to enable the works to be carried out and in the interest of safety make Traffic Regulation Orders.
- 8.4. Localism Act 2011 provides the Council with a general power of competence in relation to actions for its benefits, its area or persons resident or present in its areas.
- 8.5. The Council has a public-sector duty under the Equalities Act Section 149 and has considered its duties under Equality Implications section.
- 8.6. *Implications verified/completed by: Twahid Islam, Planning and Highways Solicitor, telephone 0208 753 5574; and Adesuwa Omoregie, Chief Solicitor (Planning, Highways, Licensing and Property), tel. 020 8753 2297.*

## **9. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

- 9.1. TfL has allocated £196,000 from the Mayor's Air Quality Funding for Business programme in 2018/19 to Hammersmith BID. LBHF has allocated £40k from LIP funding for 2018/2019.
- 9.2. At present the costs are based on an estimate. This is subject to change once the detail of the scheme has been costed. The funding however is limited to the amount approved by TfL.
- 9.3. *Implications completed by: Giles Batchelor, Finance Manage (Highways) 020 8753 2407; Chris Harris, Chief Accountant 020 8753 6440 and Christina Cato, Lead Head of Finance, tel. 020 8753 1979.*
- 9.4. *Implications were verified by Emily Hill – Assistant Director (Corporate Finance), tel. 020 8753 3145.*

## **10. IMPLICATIONS FOR BUSINESS**

- 10.1. There are several businesses in the immediate vicinity of the scheme boundary that will benefit from this scheme as the core objectives are to improve the public realm under the flyover with more greenery, reduced particulate matter, as well as cycle facilities.
- 10.2. Conways are the Council's term contractor and therefore the only authorised body who can undertake these tasks on the highway. As part of their contract, Conways use local sub-contractors where possible.
- 10.3. *Implications verified/completed by Albena Karameros, Economic Development Team, tel. 020 7938 8583.*

## **11. COMMERCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

- 11.1. There are no procurement related issues as the recommendations relate to orders to be placed with the Council's Measured Term Contractor to carry out the improvement works.
- 11.2. The costs of the scheme up to £196k will then be invoiced to Hammersmith BID who will claim up to £196k from the funding scheme.
- 11.3. *Implications verified by Simon Davis, Head of Commercial Management, tel. 07920503651.*

## **12. IT IMPLICATIONS**

- 12.1. At present there are no IT implications anticipated from the scheme.
- 12.2. Information Management Implications: if any personal or sensitive data is processed in order to deliver this scheme, a Privacy Impact Assessment will need to be completed asap if one is not already in place and up to date. This will ensure that all potential data protection risks in relation to this scheme are properly assessed with mitigating actions agreed and implemented. For example, ensuring that contract data protection and processing schedules or an information sharing agreement are in place in order to comply with H&F's regulatory requirements.
- 12.3. Any contracts with any suppliers will need to include H&F's new data protection and processing schedule. These are compliant with the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) enacted from 25 May 2018.
- 12.4. *Implications verified/completed by: Tina Akpogheneta, Strategic Relationship Manager, tel. 020 8753 5748.*

## **13. RISK MANAGEMENT**

- 13.1. The scheme's environmental design seeks to better integrate the flyover with the natural environment ensuring that it functions and performs in an efficient way but limiting the impact it has on the natural environment and climate.
- 13.2. A risk assessment was undertaken by Hammersmith BID as part of the application for funding.
- 13.3. *Implications verified/completed by: Michael Sloniowski Risk Manager, tel 020 8753 2587, mobile 07768 252703. David Hughes on tels 07817 507695 and 0207 361 2389.*

## **LIST OF APPENDICES:**

Appendix 1 – Hammersmith Flyover – Greening, Planting and Cycle Parking Improvement Scheme Design