

Decision Maker: Executive

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Decision Type: Non-Urgent Executive Key

Title: **BECKENHAM TOWN CENTRE IMPROVEMENTS**

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1. REASON FOR REPORT

- 1.1 Following feedback received after the unsuccessful 2012/13 funding application to Transport for London's Area Based programme, officers have amended the Beckenham Town Centre improvement scheme. A revised application has been encouraged from TfL and supported by members of the Beckenham & West Wickham Town Centre Working Party and Local Ward Members.
- 1.2 In support of the revised application Executive approval is sought to set aside capital receipts of £762k together with £150k from the Members Initiative earmarked reserve allocated for Beckenham Improvements, as a total match funding contribution to the overall scheme costs of £3.257m, which represents 28% of the total. A funding decision on the application is due to be made by TfL in early December 2013.

2. RECOMMENDATIONS

- 2.1 **Members of the Executive approve the allocation of £762k from Capital Receipts for the Beckenham Town Centre Improvement Project. The release of the Capital funding will be subject to the approval by Transport for London of Area Based funding bid of up to £2.345m.**
- 2.2 **To add the scheme with a total estimated cost of £3.257m, to the capital programme subject to Full Council approval.**

Corporate Policy

1. Policy Status: Existing Policy:
 2. BBB Priority: Quality Environment Safer Bromley Supporting Independence Vibrant, Thriving Town Centres:
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Financial

1. Cost of proposal: £3.257m for Beckenham Town Centre
 2. Ongoing costs: Non-Recurring Cost:
 3. Budget head/performance centre: Capital Programme
 4. Total current budget for this head: None as TfL approval is awaited for the sum of £2.345m. Council match funding of £150k of unallocated balance of funding for Beckenham improvements Member Initiative. Executive approval is sought for the remaining match funding requirement of £762k from capital receipts
 5. Source of funding: TfL funding approval awaited, Earmarked Reserves for Member priorities capital receipts.
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Staff

1. Number of staff (current and additional): 4
 2. If from existing staff resources, number of staff hours:
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Legal

1. Legal Requirement: Non-Statutory - Government Guidance:
 2. Call-in: Applicable:
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Customer Impact

1. Estimated number of users/beneficiaries (current and projected): Beckenham Town Centre
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Ward Councillor Views

1. Have Ward Councillors been asked for comments? Yes
2. Summary of Ward Councillor's comments: .

3. COMMENTARY

- 3.1 The Beckenham and West Wickham Member Working Group have coordinated the work of Urban Designers East Architects as they have developed a public realm concept design for Beckenham Town Centre public realm improvements. These concept designs formed the basis for a Step 1 Major Scheme bid to Transport for London (TfL) Area Based Programme which was submitted in September 2012.
- 3.2 On 14th December 2012 TfL announced the Area Based Programme settlement for 2013/14. Unfortunately, due to the competitive nature of the bidding process and TfL's existing commitment to fund the Bromley North Village improvements, they did not support the Beckenham Bid at this stage. However, TfL did approve £175K under 2013/14 LiP funding for High Street/ Rectory Road junction improvements. Outline proposals for these works have already been developed as part of the original design work and officers are now proceeding with survey works to inform a detail design for implementation.
- 3.3 TfL's feedback on the previous Step 1 bid confirmed that the quality of the original bid and the competitive nature of the bidding round. TfL have confirmed that as the Bromley North Village improvement scheme has moved to full implementation and is fully funded, a Beckenham improvement proposal could now be considered for the Step 1 design phase. Officers have worked closely with TfL representatives to amend the original design proposal and have been sufficiently encouraged to resubmit a revised bid. The revised changes include making provision for traffic modelling to fully assess the impacts of the improvements on through traffic on the High Street and Rectory Road. The revised design also seek to integrate the Beckenham Junction Station better into the town centre, creating a more vibrant public space to the front of the station and improved pedestrian and cycle linkages. The Beckenham and West Wickham Member Working Group endorsed the resubmission of the Step 1 bid at its meeting on 23 May 2013. The submission of the Step 1 bid was signed off by Portfolio Holder for Renewal and Recreation and the bid submitted in September 2012.
- 3.4 The scheme submitted is in outline form, as required by TfL's requirements and covers the Step Step 1 Design & Development costs as well as indicative build costs. If successful, as with the Bromley North Village proposal, this will require officers to translate the concept design (RIBA Workstage A/B) into an outline and then detailed technical design (RIBA Workstage C/D), in consultation with town centre stakeholders.
- 3.5 The design team led by East Architects will prepare the developed design including co-ordinating and updating proposals for structural design, utility services, site landscape, outline specifications, cost plan and project strategies. They will also prepare the technical design information to include all architectural, structural and mechanical services information and specifications. As required by TfL provision has also been made within the design and development budget for data collection to support the commissioning of a bespoke transport model for Beckenham. The estimated capital costs of the scheme include: main junctions improvement works; new lighting columns; new street furniture; new granite pavements and carriageway surface treatments. Although no match funding is required towards the design and development costs of £310k, TfL have indicated that if this bid is successful they would expect the Council to match fund 28% of the total project cost of £3.257m, which at this stage is estimated to be up to £912k.

Table 1 Estimated Design, Development and Implementation costs

Design and Development costs	£	£
Costs relating to data collection for transport model	45,000	
Feasibility and initial design costs	70,000	
Detailed design and consultation	195,000	
	<u>310,000</u>	
Implementation costs		
Capital costs and related fees	2,947,110	
Total estimated scheme costs	<u><u>3,257,110</u></u>	

- 3.6 Approval is sought for the allocation of the capital match funding requirement to ensure that all funding is in place should TfL approve the project and commit the resources in December 2013.
- 3.7 The overall programme for the scheme if the Step 1 bid is successful is:
- Data Collection until April 2014
 - Feasibility & Initial Design until Sept 2014
 - Detailed Design & Consultation until April 2015
 - Contract Award and Implementation Start Jan 2016
 - Completion Nov 2016

4. POLICY IMPLICATIONS

- 4.1 The development of a Major Schemes Step 1 Bid is entirely consistent with Policy Objectives set out in Building A Better Bromley and the Local Implementation Plan (2011-2014)

5. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 5.1 A bid has been made to TfL for a contribution of £2.345m towards estimated costs of £3.257m for capital works for Beckenham Town Centre. The bid requires the Council to make a match funding contribution of 28% or £912k towards the projects total costs.
- 5.2 On 26th March 2012 the Council approved the setting aside of £2.62m in an earmarked Reserve for Member Priority Initiatives. This included a sum of £250k to support immediate Beckenham Town Centre improvements and to support a bid to Transport for London for traffic and public realm improvements.
- 5.3 To date £100k has been spent/committed leaving an uncommitted balance of £150k to act as part of the £912k of Council match funding required to support the revised Step 1 application.
- 5.4 Approval is therefore sought from the Executive for the balance of the match funding sum of £762k to be set aside from capital receipts, to ensure that all funding is in place should the overall project be approved by TfL during December 2013.

5.5 A summary of the estimated costs and proposed funding streams is shown below: -

Estimated costs	£'000
Design and development costs	310
Implementation costs incl contingency	<u>2,947</u>
Total Estimated costs	<u>3,257</u>
Proposed funding	
TfL (subject to approval)	2,345
Earmarked reserve balance for Beckenham Improvements	150
Capital Receipts (subject to approval)	<u>762</u>
Total proposed funding	<u>3,257</u>

6. LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

None for the purpose of this report.

7. PERSONNEL IMPLICATIONS

None for the purpose of this report.

Non-Applicable Sections:	Legal/Personnel
Background Documents: (Access via Contact Officer)	