

Delegated Decision

25 March 2024

Grant Funding Agreement – Capability Fund 2023-24



Report of Regeneration, Economy, and Growth

Amy Harhoff, Corporate Director of Regeneration, Economy, and Growth

Councillor Elizabeth Scott, Cabinet Portfolio Holder for Economy & Partnerships

Electoral division(s) affected:

Countywide

Purpose of the Report

- 1 To approve the formal Sealing of the Grant Funding Agreement from NECA relating to the Capability Fund 2023-24.

Executive summary

- 2 Active Travel England (Department for Transport) has awarded payment to NECA on behalf of the JTC for the Local Authority 2023-24 Capability Fund (“**Capability Fund Grant**”).
- 3 The amount of revenue funding allocated to Durham County Council is £88,793.00.

Recommendation(s)

- 4 To note and authorise for sealing.

Background

- 5 The 2023-24 Capability Fund is designed to support the development of local cycling and walking infrastructure plans and behaviour change activities within local authorities. This revenue funding will enable preparation for future capital bids such as the Department for Transport’s Active Travel Fund.
- 6 Durham County Council’s funding allocation will be used for the further development of Local Cycling and Walking Infrastructure Plans (LCWIPs), priority route scheme design, network intelligence mapping and includes a contribution to an Active Travel staff resource. This work will help to ensure we are in a strong position to secure future investment in the active travel network from funding bids and developer contributions. The fund includes a

behaviour change element, and we will deliver active travel marketing, cycling training and the *Love to Ride* initiative which all promote, enable and support modal shift.

Background papers

- Grant Funding Agreement relating to Capability Fund 2023-24.

Main implications

6 £ 88,793.00 grant funding awarded.

Conclusion

7 The report recommends that the Grant Funding Agreement is approved and sealed.

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Appendix 1: Implications

Legal Implications

Grant Funding Agreement.

Finance

£88,793.00 grant funding awarded.

Consultation

Public engagement is ongoing through the LCWIP process. Local Members will continue to be informed about the projects and schemes. Wider public and/or more targeted consultation may be required for individual projects as part of the grant funding.

Equality and Diversity / Public Sector Equality Duty

The wider project also sets out to improve infrastructure and information and training to enable encourage modal shift and improved accessibility to jobs, education and retail and healthy active lifestyles.

Climate Change

The fund supports the development and delivery of projects and schemes which enable and encourage modal shift for short journeys and directly delivers carbon savings.

Human Rights

None.

Crime and Disorder

None

Staffing

Contribution to Active Travel staff resource.

Accommodation

None.

Risk

Delivery of the scheme as intended and within timescales.

Procurement