

Report to: **Partnership Board –Transport for the South East**

Date of meeting: **13 June 2022**

By: **Lead Officer, Transport for the South East**

Title of report: **Financial Update**

Purpose of report: **To update on the budget position for Transport for the South East**

RECOMMENDATIONS:

The members of the Partnership Board are recommended to

- 1) Note the current financial position for 2021/22 to the end of May 2022; and**
- 2) Note the progress on the recruitment of additional staffing resource.**

1. Overview

1.1 The purpose of this report is to update the Partnership Board on the revenue budget for Transport for the South East (TfSE).

1.2 The paper provides an update on the financial position for 2022/23 to the end of May 2022.

2. Budget Update

2.1 Following receipt of the DfT grant funding totalling £1.725m for 2022/23, members of the Partnership Board agreed the budget for 2022/23 at the May 2022 meeting. The budget sets out plans to deliver an ambitious technical programme, including completion of the strategic investment plan and commencing work on additional thematic studies and the analytical framework. The budget also included staffing costs and support costs, including communications and engagement activities and operational costs.

2.2 Appendix 1 sets out the spend position to the end of May 2022 against the agreed budget.

2.3 The main elements of expenditure to date relate to delivering the technical programme, supporting delivery of the Strategic Investment Plan and staffing costs. The Board will receive a full budget update, including end of year forecasts, at the next meeting.

3. Staffing Update

3.1 As outlined to the Partnership Board in May 2022, as a result of the expanded technical programme it will be necessary to ensure that the appropriate level of resource is available. Following agreement of the budget and noting the indicative funding allocations for 2023/24 and 2024/25, the Lead Officer has commenced work on establishing a staffing complement to put in place the capacity and capability to deliver the work programme.

3.2 Recruitment for this additional work is now underway, with the additional posts expected to join the team in autumn 2022. This includes dedicated resource on data and analytics to take forward the important work stream associated with the analytical framework, which will support the implementation of the SIP.

4. Conclusions and recommendations

4.1 The Partnership Board are recommended note the financial position to the end of May 2022.

4.2 Members are asked to note the position on recruitment for additional resource to support the expanded technical programme.

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Appendix 1: End of May 2022 budget update

EXPENDITURE	Budget	YTD	Notes
STAFFING	850,000	108,556	
Transport Strategy	80,000	0	
Area Studies	563,407	395,531	
Strategic Investment Plan	147,293	83,497	
SIP consultation	40,000	5,800	
SIP publication	30,000	0	
Thematic studies	200,000	0	
Decarbonisation Pathways	41,400	23,500	
Bus Back Better - analytics	12,590	0	
Project View	20,000	0	
Future Mobility	24,000	0	
Freight and Logistics	55,350	16,350	
Analytical Framework	300,000	0	
EV Charging Strategy	100,000	0	
Bus Back Better	300,000	0	
Local Capacity and Capability	300,000	0	
Supporting DfT priorities	530,000	0	
Other costs	30,000	0	
Centre of Excellence Development	250,000	0	
TECHNICAL PROGRAMME	3,024,040	524,678	
Events	30,000	981	
Communications	40,000	0	
Website	10,000	14	
Stakeholder Database	6,000	0	
Media Subscriptions	2,500	136	
COMMUNICATIONS/ENGAGEMENT	88,500	1,131	
TfSE Governance	45,000	0	
Operational Expenses	25,000	1,039	
OTHER	70,000	1,039	
TOTAL EXPENDITURE	4,032,540	635,404	
FUNDING			
Local Contributions	498,000	380,000	
DfT Grant	1,725,000	0	
c/f Tech Programme	1,673,621	1,673,621	
c/f Non Tech	155,992	155,992	
c/f TfSE Reserve	341,179	341,179	
TOTAL INCOME	4,393,792	2,550,792	
CARRY FORWARD			
TfSE Reserve	361,252	361,252	