

CABINET

Date of Meeting	Tuesday 20 th February 2018
Report Subject	Welsh Government Transport Grant Funding Bids
Cabinet Member	Cabinet Member for Streetscene and Countryside
Report Author	Chief Officer (Streetscene and Transportation)
Type of Report	Strategic

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Each year Welsh Government invites bids from County Councils for funding to improve the highway and transport network. The bidding criteria changes slightly each year and the timescales for returning the bids provides insufficient time for Cabinet to approve the bids prior to their return.

This report provides details of the 2018/19 bids submitted to Welsh Government in the following categories:

Local Transport Fund (LTF)
Local Transport Network Fund (LTNF)
Road Safety Grant (RSG)
Safe Routes in the Community Grant (SRICS)

A large amount of officer time is needed to put together both the analytical studies of local accident records and to produce a design that will be locally acceptable and deliverable within the timescales of the award.

The total value of the bids for 2018/19 is approximately £1.6m and the successful Councils are normally notified in April/May.

RECOMMENDATIONS

1.	That Cabinet approves the schemes submitted to WG for funding in January 2018 for the 2018/19 financial year.
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REPORT DETAILS

1.00	BACKGROUND TO THE PROPOSALS
1.01	<p>Each year every Council in Wales are invited by Welsh Government to bid for capital funding for highway and transport network improvements. The criteria for the funding changes slightly each year, which prevents pre-selection of the schemes; however, work on a wide number of potential bids is undertaken by staff from the Streetscene and Transportation service during the year to ensure that high quality schemes are then presented for funding, depending on the criteria contained within the bid document. The Council has an excellent record in obtaining funds through the various funding streams available.</p> <p>Schemes from every area of the County are consider and the bids taken forward are dependent on the match to the scheme criteria and the level of accidents along the route rather than location.</p> <p>In 2017/2018, we were successful in obtaining funding for the following schemes.</p> <p>Road Safety Grant:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• A5026 Route Treatment Works incorporating A548 Bagillt Junction Improvement• A541 Afonwen to Hendre - Route treatment works.• A541 Pontblyddyn to Mold - Route treatment works. <p>Safer Routes in the Community:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Bryn Coch Primary School, Mold• Golftyn Primary School, Connah's Quay• Ysgol Bryn Pennant, Mostyn <p>Local Transport Fund:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Developments for Bus Passenger Growth• Access to employment opportunities - Deeside Industrial Park• Flintshire Rural Community Transport Hubs
1.02	A full list of the bids submitted for 2018/19 funding is shown in Appendix 1 .
1.03	The bids are returned in the first week of February and the Council normally receives notification of the outcome before the end of April 2018. WG expect the schemes are completed within the financial year.
2.00	RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS
2.01	The design and contract management for each scheme are carried out by staff from the Streetscene service.

3.00	CONSULTATIONS REQUIRED / CARRIED OUT
3.01	With Cabinet Member.
3.02	With Elected Members in the area of the schemes.
3.03	With local Town and Community Councils in the area of the schemes.
3.04	With residents and businesses once the scheme has received approval.

4.00	RISK MANAGEMENT
4.01	The schemes will be Project Managed to ensure they are delivered within budget and the required timescales.

5.00	APPENDICES
5.01	Appendix 1 – 2018/19 WG Transport bids

6.00	LIST OF ACCESSIBLE BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS
6.01	Contact Officer: Stephen Jones Telephone: 01352 704700 E-mail: Stephen.o.jones@flintshire.gov.uk

7.00	GLOSSARY OF TERMS
7.01	None.