

Proposed Capital Amendments 2023/2024

Date of meeting 9 June 2023

Date of report 17 May 2023

Report by Director of Finance & Corporate Support

1. Object of report

To seek approval for proposed amendments to the 2023/2024 capital programme and seek approval to Grant Fund as detailed in sections 6(ii) and 6(iii) of this report.

2. Background to report

The 2023/2024 capital budget was approved by the Partnership on 17 March 2023. Subsequently, SPT has been successful in its' application to Transport Scotland under the Regional Active Travel Grant (RATG) fund in support of six capital projects proposed by our local authority partners, totalling £1.040m.

The RATG fund promotes the provision of active travel infrastructure, particularly projects which support cross boundary travel.

3. 2023/2024 Approved capital programme position

Table 1 below provides a summary of the 2023/2024 capital budget as approved by the Partnership on 17 March 2023.

Table 1: 2023/2024 Capital budget approved by the Partnership, 17 March 2023

Ref	Category	Subway Modernisation £000	General Capital £000	Total £000
1	Capital expenditure 2023/2024	25,506	26,622	52,128
2	Scottish Government general capital grant	0	15,327	15,327
3	Scottish Government specific capital grant ¹	12,880	0	12,880
4	Revenue contribution to the capital programme	3,143	1,000	4,143
5	Transfer from Subway Modernisation Fund ²	2,706	0	2,706
6	Transfer from Subway Infrastructure Fund ²	0	5,975	5,975
7	Transfer from Capital Grants Unapplied Account ³	6,777	0	6,777

8	Capital funding 2023/2024	25,506	22,302	47,808
9	Projected variance	0	4,320	4,320
10	Projected variance of general capital as a percentage of funding		19%	

¹ ring-fenced grant funding

² General Fund - Earmarked Reserve

³ unspent specific and general capital grants from previous years

4. Proposed amendments

Six proposed amendments have been received for the 2023/2024 capital programme, all relating to the RATG scheme. These are shown in Appendix 1 of this report and represent an increase of £1.040m in the 2023/2024 capital programme (General Capital).

There is a corresponding increase of £1.040m in the revised 2023/2024 funding contributions (General Capital).

Following approval of the 2023/2024 capital programme on 17 March 2023, the Scottish Government specific capital grant award for Subway Modernisation has been confirmed at £12.882m which is an increase of £0.002m compared to the previously estimated value.

There is a re-profiling of £0.002m in the revised 2023/2024 funding (Subway Modernisation) in relation to the transfer required from the Subway Modernisation Fund.

If the proposed amendments are approved by the Partnership, then the impact on the 2023/2024 programme will be as detailed in Table 2 below.

Table 2: 2023/2024 Revised capital programme position, including proposed amendments

Ref	Category	Subway Modernisation £000	General Capital £000	Total £000
1	Capital expenditure 2023/24 as at 17 March 2023	25,506	26,622	52,128
2	Proposed amendments (as at Appendix 1)	0	1,040	1,040
3	Revised capital expenditure 2023/24	25,506	27,662	53,168
4	Available capital funding 2023/2024 (as at Table 1)	25,506	22,302	47,808
5	Change in Scottish Government specific capital grant	2	0	2
6	Change in transfer from Subway Modernisation Fund	(2)	0	(2)
7	Change in other grants and contributions	0	1,040	1,040
8	Revised capital funding 2022/23	25,506	23,342	48,848
9	Projected variance	0	4,320	4,320
10	Projected variance of general capital as a percentage of funding		19%	

5. Committee action

The Committee is recommended to:

- (i) approve the proposed amendments to the 2023/2024 capital programme as per Appendix 1 of this report; and if approved
- (ii) agree to Grant Fund or to vary existing Grant Fund letters to the Local Authorities or other bodies for those awards up to the value of £200,000 and authorise that grant award letters be concluded in line with approved governance arrangements;
- (iii) recommend to the Partnership meeting of 23 June 2023 approval to Grant Fund or to vary existing Grant Fund letters to the Local Authorities or other bodies for those awards over a cumulative value of £200,000; and
- (iv) note that further work to quantify and manage risk, advance savings and re-phase existing projects is being undertaken to balance spend against budget.

6. Consequences

Policy consequences	<i>Supports delivery of RTS.</i>
Legal consequences	<i>None at present.</i>
Financial consequences	<i>Further work to quantify and manage risk, advance savings and re-phase existing projects is being undertaken to balance spend against budget.</i>
Personnel consequences	<i>None directly.</i>
Equalities consequences	<i>Dependent on particular scheme, each project will be reported on in terms of the social inclusion agenda.</i>
Risk consequences	<i>Risk will be quantified and closely monitored during the course of the financial year.</i>
Climate Change, Adaptation & Carbon consequences	<i>SPT's capital programme supports delivery of sustainable transport infrastructure to increase use of walking, wheeling and cycling and public transport and to support a reduction in total transport emissions.</i>

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Proposed Amendments to the 2023/2024 Capital Programme

REF	Department	Capital Project	Project Description	2023/2024 Category 1 Budget Implication	Partnership Approval Required ('P')	Grant Fund to Local Authority / Other Bodies	Justification	Status
1	Local Authorities and Others	National Cycle Link from Weymss Bay to Skelmorlie (RATG) (new)	Development of designs for a dedicated active travel route from Inverclyde to North Ayrshire, between Inverkip, Weymss Bay and Skelmorlie.	+£30,000		Inverclyde Council	Regional Active Travel Grant (RATG) funding has been awarded to SPT by Transport Scotland in support of this project.	New project. Proposed total 2023/2024 budget of £30,000.
2	Local Authorities and Others	A77 Connections to East Renfrewshire (RATG) (new)	Development of designs for an active travel route from the East Renfrewshire boundary connecting into the South City Way and onwards to Glasgow City Centre.	+£45,000		Glasgow City Council	Regional Active Travel Grant (RATG) funding has been awarded to SPT by Transport Scotland in support of this project.	New project. Proposed total 2023/2024 budget of £45,000.
3	Local Authorities and Others	A80 Connections to North Lanarkshire (RATG) (new)	Development of designs linking North Lanarkshire into the North City Network in Glasgow and onwards to Glasgow City Centre.	+£40,000		Glasgow City Council	Regional Active Travel Grant (RATG) funding has been awarded to SPT by Transport Scotland in support of this project.	New project. Proposed total 2023/2024 budget of £40,000.
4	Local Authorities and Others	NCN7 Missing Link Yoker to Clydebank (RATG) (new)	Development of designs for a proposed active travel route between Yoker and Clydebank which forms part of the National Cycle Network Route 7.	+£45,000		Glasgow City Council	Regional Active Travel Grant (RATG) funding has been awarded to SPT by Transport Scotland in support of this project.	New project. Proposed total 2023/2024 budget of £45,000.
5	Local Authorities and Others	North and South Lanarkshire Cross Boundary Connections (RATG) (new)	Development of designs for cross boundary strategic active travel connections between North Lanarkshire and South Lanarkshire at four locations.	+£80,000		North Lanarkshire Council	Regional Active Travel Grant (RATG) funding has been awarded to SPT by Transport Scotland in support of this project.	New project. Proposed total 2023/2024 budget of £80,000.

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6	Local Authorities and Others	Doon Valley Active Travel Route (RATG) (new)	Development of designs for an active travel route linking Dalmellington to Ayr and encompassing a number of other settlements and villages on the route.	+£800,000	P	South Ayrshire Council	Regional Active Travel Grant (RATG) funding has been awarded to SPT by Transport Scotland in support of this project.	New project. Proposed total 2023/2024 budget of £800,000.

Total proposed amendments to capital programme	+£1,040,000
Total proposed changes in funding	+£1,040,000
Net change in capital funding requirement	£0