

OFFICER DECISION RECORD

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Decision Title: Mini-Holland Feasibility and Development Application Forms
Decision reference number: 07.05.22.
Decision date: 16/05/22
<p>Background / reason for decision:</p> <p>The Combined Authority submitted an Expression of Interest from each of the UAs for the DfT's Mini-Holland pilot programme in August 2021, to create areas where walking and cycling is prioritised, and car use reduced.</p> <p>The Combined Authority was informed at the end of March that the DfT would award £78,947 for a feasibility study for either the BCC or SGC proposed areas – East Bristol and Yate respectively. DfT felt both schemes have merit but will only fund one scheme, and that the decision on which scheme to submit for the DfT delivery funding will be made by the Combined Authority.</p> <p>The DfT will identify the 12 pilot areas that would receive delivery funding, based on the outputs from the feasibility studies. The level of funding for this programme has not yet been confirmed.</p> <p>At the Combined Authority Committee on 8th April, approval was given to match the £78,947 from the DfT with funding from the Investment Fund to enable both areas to complete feasibility studies to the DfT guidance. This approach allows the Combined Authority to make an informed decision based on the outcome of the feasibility studies as to which scheme is likely to have the greatest chance of success of funding in the Mini-Holland pilot programme.</p> <p>Given there are two sources of funding for the same outputs, for clarity, the proposal is to allocate the £78,947 of DfT funding to SGC and the £78,947 IF match funding to BCC.</p>
<p>Options considered: <i>(as relevant/applicable)</i></p> <p>N/A</p>
<p>Decision:</p> <p>To approve the Feasibility and Development Funding Applications for the Mini-Holland Feasibility studies, with SGC receiving the £79K from the DfT and BCC receiving the £79k from the Investment Fund</p>

Consultation The Chief Executives of the West of England unitary authorities were consulted on these proposals.

Officer making decision: Patricia Greer

Position: Chief Executive of the West of England Combined Authority

Report / appendices / background documents

1. SGC: Mini Holland Feasibility and Development Funding Application
2. BCC: Mini Holland Feasibility and Development Funding Application