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**REPORT TO THE STRATEGIC TRANSPORT SUB-COMMITTEE**  
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**TITLE:** Developing the RTP Programme for 2026/27

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**1. PURPOSE OF THE REPORT**

- 1.1. To advise the Sub-Committee about the process and timescales for developing a RTP Programme for 2026/27 for submission to Welsh Government.

**2. DECISION SOUGHT**

- 2.1. That the sub-committee note the report.

**3. REASON FOR THE DECISION**

- 3.1. The report is for information purposes.

**4. BACKGROUND AND RELEVANT CONSIDERATIONS**

- 4.1. Currently, funding from Welsh Government is available to local authorities for transport schemes via one of the following funds:
- Local Transport Fund
  - Resilient Roads Fund
  - Active Travel Fund
  - Road Safety Fund (Revenue)
  - Road Safety Fund (Capital)
  - Safe Routes in Communities Fund
  - Unadopted roads Fund
  - Ultra Low Emission Vehicles Transformation Fund
- 4.2. Through a process known as 'Grants Modernisation', Welsh Government are combining these funding streams for future years into one fund, known as the Regional Transport Fund.
- 4.3. Through the transition to a single Regional Transport Fund, driven by the RTP, it is Welsh Government's intention that CJsCs will have a much greater role in the allocation and management of capital infrastructure spending in Wales.

- 4.4. Further to recent guidance from Welsh Government CJs are asked to identify a draft RTP Programme showing a delivery schedule for schemes to receive funding during 2026/27 - the first year of the Regional Transport Fund. CJC officers and Arup are working with the local authorities to identify the priority schemes from the approved Regional Transport Delivery Plan for progression in 2026/27. This process will also identify some priorities for years two and three. The delivery schedule must then be submitted to Welsh Government for approval before any funding is released to local authorities. This subject is considered in more detail in another agenda item at this meeting.

## 5. REGIONAL TRANSPORT FUND

- 5.1. From 2026/27 financial year, Welsh Government will provide funding for local transport schemes via the Regional Transport Fund (RTF) to support the delivery of the policies and priorities set out in the Regional Transport Plan (RTP) and Regional Transport Delivery Plan (RTDP), that contribute to Llwybr Newydd (WTS).
- 5.2. In order to secure RTF funding for North Wales, Welsh Government expect the CJC to co-ordinate production of a programme of schemes, that clearly sets out the interventions that constituent local authorities will deliver over the next financial year with RTF grant support. The programme of schemes must be in line with the RTDP.
- 5.3. Schemes to be funded through RTF are required to be categorised into the activity areas shown in Table 1.

Capital	Revenue
Road Safety	Road Safety
Active travel (walking, wheeling and cycling)	Corporate Joint Committee administrative services
Public Transport	Behaviour Change
Ultra Low Emissions Vehicles	
Highways	
Programme management and monitoring	
Regional programme preparatory works	

*Table 1*

- 5.4. Welsh Government have issued guidance to CJs explaining the requirements needed to secure the funding for the region, and the timescales in which these are to be completed.

## 6. FUNDING ARRANGEMENTS

- 6.1. Welsh Government expects CJs to support effective programme management of the grant and overseeing effective and timely delivery by local authorities.
- 6.2. In 2026/27 funding for schemes will be awarded directly to local authority for delivery. In future years it is anticipated that funding may be awarded to the CJC for distribution to local authorities.
- 6.3. Welsh Government expect there to be a clear focus on delivering projects on the ground during 2026/27, and delivery of interventions must demonstrate best value for money.

## 7. DEVELOPING THE RTP PROGRAMME FOR 2026/27

- 7.1. As part of the guidance issued by Welsh Government, the CJC has been issued a series of template forms for completion with details of the transport interventions to be funded in 2026/27. Ambition North Wales, with consultancy support from Arup, are working with local authority officers across the region to complete these forms.
- 7.2. Key to this process is an RTF Model spreadsheet tool developed by Arup. This is being populated by officers from local authorities with details for each of the schemes in the RTDP. Those details include:
- Scheme type (based on activity areas shown in Table 1)
  - Capital and revenue requirements
  - Possible match funding
  - Possible start and end dates
  - Possible spend profile through 2026/27
  - Delivery against a series of outputs and outcomes identified by Welsh Government
- 7.3. The guidance issued by Welsh Government now allows for additional schemes (i.e. schemes not in the RTDP) to be included in the programme subject to submission and agreement by Welsh Government of a WelTAG 0 report. This allows some flexibility to react to unforeseen events or changing priorities over the RTP period.

## 8 TIMETABLE AND IMPLICATIONS FOR SUB-COMMITTEE AND CJC

- 8.1. Table 2 shows the timetable that Welsh Government have set out for submission of the programme.

Date	Activity
August to October 2025	CJCs work with local authorities, activity area leads from Welsh Government, and Transport for Wales to develop a draft RTP programme for FY2026-27
November 2025	By 21 November, each CJC must share an electronic copy of the draft RTP programme with their Welsh Government Regional Transport Lead
December 2025	By 19 December, Welsh Government will provide feedback on the draft RTP programmes to the CJCs.
End of January 2026	By 30 January, each CJC must submit an electronic copy of the final RTP programme to Welsh Government
March 2026	Welsh Government approves RTP programmes and sends RTF offer letters for FY2026-27 to the local authorities and CJCs (subject to Ministerial approval)

*Table 2*

- 8.2. To ensure the correct governance and approvals, the following proposals for Strategic Transport Sub-Committee and CJC are proposed:
- **4<sup>th</sup> November** – informal Strategic Transport Sub-Committee, providing Members opportunity to review the proposed programme

- **7<sup>th</sup> November** – extraordinary CJC meeting for Members to approve the programme

8.3. The programme would then be submitted to Welsh Government by 21<sup>st</sup> November.

## **9. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

9.1. There are no direct financial implications arising out of this report, but the Sub-Committee should bear in mind the proposed changes to the funding process as set out in Section 6 of this report.

## **10. LEGAL IMPLICATIONS**

10.1. There are no expected legal implications arising out of this report. Governance implications are considered in paragraph 8.2.

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## **APPENDICES:**

N/A

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## **STATUTORY OFFICERS RESPONSE:**

i. **Monitoring Officer:**

No observations to add in relation to propriety. Any further advice will be provided at the meeting

ii. **Statutory Finance Officer:**

With reference to section 9 above, I am satisfied that there are no direct financial implications of the decision sought and I am happy to support the decision. However, the RTP is a significant financial development for the CJC, particularly in view of the requirement for the CJC to work closely with the local authorities and the likelihood of a change in the funding model beyond 2026/27.