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## NORTH WALES CORPORATE JOINT COMMITTEE

23<sup>rd</sup> January 2026

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**TITLE:** Regional Transport Fund Update

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### 1. PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

- 1.1. This report is to update the Corporate Joint Committee (CJC) on the feedback from Welsh Government on the draft Programme of Schemes that was submitted in November 2025.

### 2. DECISIONS SOUGHT

- 2.1. To note the report.

### 3. REASON FOR THE DECISION

- 3.1. The Corporate Joint Committee approved the draft Programme of Schemes on 7<sup>th</sup> November 2025 for submission to Welsh Government for review and approval. The deadline for submission was the 21<sup>st</sup> November, 2025.
- 3.2. Welsh Government undertook a review of the programme and sent comments back to Ambition North Wales by 19<sup>th</sup> December, 2025.
- 3.3. Any alterations resulting from Welsh Government feedback will be brought to the CJC at its meeting on 23<sup>rd</sup> January, 2026. It is not expected that there will be a need to be any alterations to the programme of schemes approved by the CJC in November. This report outlines the current position on the progress of the programme and work undertaken to achieve final approval by the Welsh Minister.
- 3.4. In March 2026 Welsh Government will approve the Regional Transport Fund (RTF) programme and send the RTF offer letters for FY2026-27 to the local authorities and CJC (subject to Ministerial approval).
- 3.5. Local authorities will begin delivery of schemes in April 2026.
- 3.6. Further to Welsh Government Regional Transport funding guidance the Corporate Joint Committee has responsibility for developing a five-year Programme of Schemes to be funded by the RTF and to undertake in-year management of the grant spend.

### 4. BACKGROUND

- 4.1. In guidance from Welsh Government, CJC are asked to identify a draft RTF Programme of schemes showing a delivery schedule for schemes to receive funding during 2026/27 - the first

year of the Regional Transport Fund. The CJC has worked closely with all the Councils across the region to identify and prioritise schemes to be included in the draft Programme. Additional to this, Welsh Government have advised that CJs may recommend that funding is awarded to schemes for the 2027/28 and 2028/29 financial years, up to a maximum value of 50% of the amount available to the region in 2026/27. The programme of schemes must be in line with the Regional Transport Delivery Plan.

- 4.2. At the CJC meeting on 7<sup>th</sup> November 2025, the Committee approved a draft programme of schemes for submission to Welsh Government for review. This was then submitted to Welsh Government on the 21<sup>st</sup> November.

## 5. FEEDBACK FROM WELSH GOVERNMENT

- 5.1. Ambition North Wales have worked with Welsh Government and local authority officers to address some of the early questions raised by Welsh Government.
- 5.2. Welsh Government sent their more formal comments back to Ambition North Wales on 19<sup>th</sup> December.
- 5.3. A comment was provided on each scheme, and each scheme was given a red, amber or green rating, where:
  - Green – Minor comment that doesn't preclude approval, but should be taken into consideration in the finalisation of the programme (30<sup>th</sup> January 2026) and/or implementation of the works.
  - Amber – Flagging of an issue that doesn't preclude approval, but must be acted upon in the finalisation of the programme (30<sup>th</sup> January 2026) and/or implementation of the works.
  - Red – A serious concern that may preclude approval if not addressed.
- 5.4. Of the schemes on the list:
  - 37 were given a green rating.
  - 43 were given an amber rating. We are working with local authorities to address the additional information sought on these.
  - Three were given a red rating. We are working with Welsh Government and local authority officers to address the concerns raised on these. Of these schemes:
    - One is on the reserve list, so is not anticipated to cause any concerns for the programme.
    - Another, also on the reserve list, relates to landownership for a proposed Active Travel scheme so we are working with the authority and Welsh Government to resolve the concern.
    - The third relates to possible onward funding of the project beyond next year and we are working with the local authority and Welsh Government to identify options for progression.
- 5.5. A revised list, with comments addressed, is required to be submitted to Welsh Government by 30<sup>th</sup> January.
- 5.6. At the time of writing this report, noting the ongoing work described on section 5.4, it is not expected that there will be a need to be any alterations to the programme of schemes approved by the CJC in November.

## **6. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

6.1. There are no financial implications of this report.

## **7. LEGAL IMPLICATIONS**

7.1. There are no legal implications of this report.

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## **APPENDICES:**

None

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## **STATUTORY OFFICERS RESPONSE:**

**i. Monitoring Officer:**

“No observations to add in relation to propriety.”

**ii. Statutory Finance Officer:**

“This report provides the CJC with an update following approval of the draft Programme of Schemes in November 2025. There are no financial implications of this report, and I have no further comments to add.”