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North Wales
Corporate Joint Committee

CORPORATE JOINT COMMITTEE
20th NOVEMBER 2026

TITLE: REGIONAL TRANSPORT PLANNING UPDATE NOVEMBER 2026

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1. PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

1.1 The purpose of this report is to:

- Seek approval from the CJC for the draft programme of schemes for funding from the Regional Transport Fund for the 2027/28 financial year
- Inform the CJC of the work of the Strategic Transport Sub Committee noted in the Bi-Annual Report

2. DECISION SOUGHT

2.1 The Corporate Joint Committee is asked to approve the draft Programme of Schemes to be funded through the Regional Transport Fund in 2027/28 for submission to Welsh Government.

2.2 No decision is sought regarding the Bi-Annual Report, the committee is asked to note the report.

3. REASON FOR DECISION

3.1 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 Regional Transport Fund and to undertake in-year management of the grant spend.

3.2 The Terms of Reference for the Strategic Transport Sub Committee require that an update report is produced on a bi-annual basis for the CJC.

4. REGIONAL TRANSPORT FUND PROGRAMME OF SCHEMES

4.1 Through its responsibility for Regional Transport Planning, the CJC is responsible for prioritising and managing the programme of schemes that will be delivered through funding from the Regional Transport Fund in North Wales in 2027/28.

4.2 The proposed list of schemes to be funded was presented to the Strategic Transport Sub Committee on 2nd November 2026.

4.3 Ambition North Wales, with consultancy support from Arup, has worked closely with local authority officers and Member portfolio holders across the region to identify a programme of schemes for 2027/28. Welsh Government and TfW officers have also been engaged during this process.

4.4 The programme has been designed to fit within an indicative budget provided by Welsh Government that is shown in Table 1. This is the same capital budget that was provided to North Wales for the current financial year, and does not include any increase for inflation or any other variables. The indicative budget does not represent an agreed Welsh Government allocation or funding commitment, and both the final programme and individual schemes remain subject to Welsh Government approval.

CJC region	Capital (£)	Revenue (£) (Road Safety and Behaviour Change)	Revenue (£) CJC Admin	Total (£)
North Wales	28.3m	384k	0.1m	28.784m

Table 1

4.5. In putting together the programme of schemes, the following variables were amongst the key considerations:

- Prioritising continuation of schemes funded this year that are being delivered across multiple years
- RTP policies and aspirations
- RTDP and local authority priorities
- Deliverability of schemes

4.6. The draft programme of schemes for 2027/28, for which approval is sought, is shown in Appendix A.

5. REGIONAL TRANSPORT FUND NEXT STEPS

5.1. To ensure compliance with Welsh Government timescales, a draft programme in line with Appendix 1 has been submitted to Welsh Government on 30th October.

5.2 Welsh Government and TfW will then review the draft and provide comments back by 18th December. Ambition North Wales and Arup will then work with the local authorities to respond to comments before submitting a final version by 30th January 2027.

5.3. Welsh Government will approve the programme and send offer letters to local authorities by the end of March 2027, and local authorities will commence scheme delivery from April 2027. Scheme funding will be awarded directly to local authorities from Welsh Government.

6. STRATEGIC TRANSPORT SUB COMMITTEE BI-ANNUAL REPORT

6.1. The Terms of Reference of the Strategic Transport Sub Committee state that the “Strategic Transport Sub-Committee will prepare a bi-annual report on its work for the Corporate Joint Committee.

6.2. The context for such a report is to ensure that the work of the Sub-Committee is open and transparent and that its functions are being clearly communicated.

6.3. The Terms of Reference provide that bi-annual reports shall form part of an agreed scrutiny protocol and shall be in a format which will facilitate its submission into Scrutiny or other governance arrangements as determined by the Corporate Joint Committee.

6.4. The Bi-Annual Report is appended as Appendix B. It includes detail on:

- Regional Transport Fund 2025/26
- Consultation Responses sent to partner organisations
- Financial performance
- Resource Management.

7. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

7.1. Funding from the Regional Transport Fund for the delivery of schemes will be awarded directly to local authorities so has no direct financial impact on the CJC.

7.2. In order to support and resource this co-ordination and administrative role for the CJC, the Welsh Government guidance allows the CJC to claim a programme management support cost from the Regional Transport Fund budget annually. This is to avoid apportioning costs for overall programme management by the CJC to each project and to enable economies of scale. This will also allow each authority to focus on scheme design and delivery. The amount of funding that it is proposed to be claimed by the CJC is shown in the figures in Appendix A.

8. LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

8.1. The Corporate Joint Committee has a statutory duty to prepare a Regional Transport Plan. Welsh Government have issued CJCs with a set of Guidance and Desk Instructions to develop their Programme of Schemes for 2027/28. The programme shown in appendix 1 has been developed in line with that guidance.

APPENDICES:

Appendix A – Draft Programme of Schemes for Regional Transport Fund Funding
Appendix B – Strategic Transport Sub Committee Bi-Annual Report

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STATUTORY OFFICERS RESPONSE:

i. Monitoring Officer:

The proposed Programme of Schemes has been developed within the CJC's regional transport planning responsibilities and in accordance with the relevant Welsh Government guidance and desk instructions.

Approval of the draft programme is for submission to Welsh Government and does not itself constitute final approval of the individual schemes or funding allocations, which remain subject to Welsh Government approval and the applicable grant and assurance arrangements. No specific legal issues arise from the recommendation sought.

ii. Statutory Finance Officer:

"Whilst there are no direct financial implications to the decision sought, the Corporate Joint Committee will note the programme of work, and the allocation of revenue and capital funding to the schemes therein. I have no objections to the decision sought; funding for the individual schemes will be awarded directly to the local authorities and the Finance Service will continue to support Ambition North Wales as necessary in administering the retained programme management support costs."