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Subject: Approval: Funding Decision
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Hi

Congratulations! I am emailing to inform you that we have a final funding decision for the two proposals you submitted to the UK Connectivity Development Fund, both of which have been approved. This means we are offering you funding for:

- A feasibility study examining re-opening the Antrim-Lisburn railway line, with the addition of a halt at Belfast International Airport: £667,000.
- A feasibility study examining electrification of the Belfast to Border railway line: £3,286,855.

Details of the terms and conditions attached to this offer of funding can be found in the Memorandum of Understanding, attached. We would be very grateful if you could review this and return a signed version – ideally by the end of the week. Most of the content is the same as previous draft versions you will have seen but there have been some changes to reflect the final decisions around payment arrangements etc. In particular, while we previously hoped to provide the grant in a single payment, we now intend to provide £2m of funding upfront and the remaining funds in a second payment made during the course of this financial year. As well as the finalised version, I have attached a draft version with track changes, which should show you where the edits were made and make reviewing easier. I would be very happy to have a call to talk you through the changes if that would be useful.

One final point is that we are keen to withhold announcements on these projects and the UKG funding until the publication of the Government Response to the Hendy Review, so we would appreciate you not making any announcements at this time.

I'm really looking forward to working with you all on the development of these projects and huge congratulations once again!

Best wishes,

 Department for Transport

Policy Lead - Government Response to the Union Connectivity Review,
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From:
Sent: 28 June 2023 15:53
To:
Cc: Wells, Simon; Rice, Peter;
Subject: Northern Ireland UCD Projects Q1 Review - June 2023
Attachments: 230628 Translink Progress Report - Q1 2023.xlsx; Translink Progress Report - Blank Template.xlsx

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Hi

Progress report attached as requested.

I'll get the spreadsheet completed and returned to you in the next couple of days.

Thanks

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Sent: Friday, June 9, 2023 10:38:50 AM
To: Wells, Simon
Cc:
Subject: Union Connectivity Funding - Portadown-Derry Line

Hi Simon and all,

As discussed last time we met, we have been reviewing the remaining 2 business cases you sent to us a while ago. When we spoke, you mentioned that the Belfast City Airport proposal was likely to be progressed through other channels – that works for us as we don't think the strategic case totally connects to Union Connectivity.

Regarding, Portadown-Derry, I am attaching the latest proposal we had from you with our comments. Generally speaking, we agree that the strategic case is strong but we have a number of concerns that I will set out below. I think it would be helpful to have a quick check in next week to discuss our comments and what is workable on your side to see if we will be able to take this forward. Does Tuesday afternoon work for you? If so, I will put in a quick call.

There is also concern that the costs seem high for such an early stage feasibility study especially without more definition of the potential outputs. Generally, £2m would be sufficient to deliver a most if not all of the constituent elements for a Strategic Outline Case described in our [transport business case guidance](#). And a further concern is that the proposal jumps straight to reinstating the Portadown-Derry line being the right decision – for such an early stage proposal normally more options would be considered and the transport problem set out in more detail (perhaps with consideration of whether the underlying transport issue could better be solved by a road etc). I imagine that this thinking has already been done in the Network Development Plan or All Island Strategic Rail Review but we would need the proposal to flag that this thinking has been done and give a quick summary of what the previous work has concluded.

I've left in a few more detailed comments throughout the attached. Looking forward to speaking soon!

Best wishes,

Transport business case guidance

From:
Sent: 26 June 2023 09:54
To: Wells, Simon;
Cc: Rice, Peter;
Subject: RE: DfT/DfI first quarterly review
Attachments: Portadown - Derry Cost and Benefits Plan 230623.xlsx; UC Business Case - Portadown Derry Londonderry - 23.06.2023 (1).docx

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Please see attached for discussion Wednesday re-draft of the Business Case for Portadown – Derry. Appreciate any further comments you can provide.

It now includes a review of the Portadown – Armagh connection to understand wider impact on network (especially Portadown station) and phasing.

I've also shown costs reduced by £230k to reflect the constrained time to complete the study.

Need to discuss further with DfI your query on support for study or progression after study.

Regards

-----Original Appointment-----

From:
Sent: 04 May 2023 16:25
To: Wells, Simon;
Cc: Rice, Peter;
Subject: DfT/DfI first quarterly review
When: 28 June 2023 11:30-12:30 (UTC+00:00) Dublin, Edinburgh, Lisbon, London.
Where: Microsoft Teams Meeting

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See attached from both projects for Q1.

We will be in touch soon with regard to the milestone letter.

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Sent: 21 July 2023 10:13
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Subject: FW: Northern Ireland UCD Projects Q1 Review - June 2023

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Dear All

I writing to you to chase up a couple of documents that are still outstanding. Please can you email across:

- A duly completed 'Translink Progress Report – Q1 2023' (attached for ease of reference).
- A letter that formally sets out the milestones for each of the two projects (I attached Katherine original request for ease of reference).

Thank you for your help.

Best

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Sent: 22 September 2023 13:54
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Subject: RE: FILED: Union Connectivity Funding - Portadown to Armagh BC
Attachments: 230922 UC Business Case - Portadown to Armagh V1 - DfT Comments.docx

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To:
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From:
Sent: 05 October 2023 10:39
To:
Cc:

Simon Wells

Subject: RE: FILED: Union Connectivity Funding - Portadown to Armagh BC

Hi

Sorry to bother you again. Any news on this please?

I need to submit the board paper by 11th Oct and really need to have your final version as soon as possible to be able to make the board on the 19th...

Thanks

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Hi

Apologies for the delay, we are just confirming some details regarding travel times and would hope to reissue tomorrow evening.

Regards

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Any news about the final proposal?

Thank you!

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On the basis of our conversation today I will be aiming to have the report returned to you by the end of next week (29.09.23) if not before.

Thanks again for the feedback today it was a very useful session.

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From:
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Subject: Draft MoU for Portadown - Armagh
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Attached is the proposed draft version of the MoU for the funding related to the Portadown to Armagh feasibility study for Translink to review and comment on. I'm sorry about the delay in emailing across the draft MoU.

I would be very grateful if you could get back to me **by COP 25th January 2024** please. This deadline should allow us to process the Grant payment in the first half of February 2024.

Please let me know if there is anything else I can help you.



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☒ MEETING

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| TIME AND DATE OF MEETING: | | 24 May 2023, 09:30 | | |
| TITLE/ORGANISATION: <small>(Include INV number where possible and ensure title on pre-brief and meeting notes are the same)</small> | | SINV 0079/23, Four Nations Transport Inter-Ministerial Group Meeting | | |
| VENUE: | <input type="checkbox"/> Clarence Court | <input type="checkbox"/> Stormont | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Video Call | <input type="checkbox"/> Other – please specify |
| LIST OF ATTENDEES: | | Lee Waters MS – Deputy Minister for Climate Change, The Welsh Government (Chair) Kevin Stewart MSP, Minister for Transport, The Scottish Government Patrick Harvie MSP, Minister for Zero Carbon Buildings, Active Travel and Tenants' Rights, The Scottish Government Richard Holden MP, Parliamentary Under Secretary of State (Roads and Local Transport) | | |
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| KEY POINTS DISCUSSED: | | | | |
| Data Collection and Sharing <ul style="list-style-type: none"> All Ministers with responsibility for transport infrastructure discussed ways in which they could work collaboratively to better share data between administrations. | | | | |

- Openness and transparency in publication were seen as essential components for data-sharing, as well as ensuring that the role of devolved governments and the need for tailored local data was maintained.
- It was agreed that this would aid with evaluation, analysis and mutual learning across many areas of transport service provision, and access to this could prove beneficial whenever a Northern Ireland Minister for Infrastructure was appointed.
- In particular, more data on freight and cross-border movements would be helpful for all administrations. Some data collection could potentially be discontinued if it was agreed to serve no purpose and did not impact on global comparator monitoring.
- Members agreed that officials would draw up a Memorandum of Understanding to outline the collaborative basis for this work, to be reviewed at a future meeting.

Active Travel

- Recent work on the delivery model for Scottish Active Travel had brought to light a number of points worth considering across all UK regions:
 - Transport England's approach to Active Travel has provided some useful learning points
 - Involvement of stakeholder communities at the inception stage helps avoid perceptions that active travel measures are being imposed on an area
 - Opposition to measures tends to grow if decisions take too long to emerge as positive change
 - Measures allowing cheaper travel for young people is popular with both the target group and their families
 - Conversations about the future of micro-mobility, and the role of e-scooters and e-bikes, must take place. Despite concerns about dangers, trials in England have shown safety to be generally good, though legislation to regulate use needs to be developed.
 - Active travel needs to be properly funded, as there is no point in identifying need if funding to meet it cannot be found.
- Legislation banning Pavement Parking, active since 2019, needs to be enforced as this has a significant impact on walking and wheeling.

Levelling Up Fund (LUF)

- Although Active Travel plays a role in the LUF, it was agreed that it is a broader topic. Differing geography and legislative positions across the UK also had to be factored in.
- It was agreed however that closer working across the Four Nations would help achieve goals, and Active Travel England was in strong position to assist in

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| <p>working together. An 'Active Travel Academy' to share best practice, build skills and generate consensus was suggested.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Officials were tasked with liaising across the Four Nations, and continuing to discuss the implications of the LUF on Active Travel, EV provision and micro-mobility. | |
| <p>ISSUES AGREED (must be completed):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Officials to produce a Memorandum of Understanding on collaborative sharing of transport data between all four UK regions, for discussion at the next meeting. Officials to continue to discuss development of the Transport elements of the Levelling Up Fund. | |
| <p>ACTION POINTS / OFFICIAL RESPONSIBLE:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> DfI to engage with officials from the other Four Nations in developing the MOU on transport data sharing, and sustainable travel elements of the LUF. | |
| <p>NOTE WRITTEN BY:</p> | <p>DATE:</p> <p>24 May 2023</p> |

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