

DECISION No: 7 / 25

Strategic Director – Place

DECISION SHEET (for no spending, revenue spending or capital expenditure of less than £100,000)

SUBJECT: Steeton and Silsden Cycling and Walking Improvements project

PLAN/DRAWING NO: N/A

APPENDICES: N/A

MATTER FOR CONSIDERATION:

The City Regional Sustainable Transport Settlement (CRSTS) programme in West Yorkshire is a significant investment aimed at providing an integrated and inclusive transport network.

The West Yorkshire Combined Authority (WYCA) are the funding provider and Bradford Council are the Recipient for projects within the Bradford district.

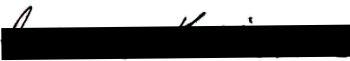
The matter to be considered is the consent to approve sign £3,437,792 Grand Funding Agreement, deed of variations for the CRSTS Steeton and Silsden Cycling and Walking Improvements project to progress to the next Decision Point (FBC) within the WYCA Assurance Framework.

RESOLUTION


I, David Shepherd, Strategic Director – Place, to the City of Bradford Metropolitan District Council, pursuant to Article 14.20 of the Constitution hereby resolve: -

- i) Approval to proceed with the development and delivery of the CRSTS Steeton and Silsden Cycling and Walking Improvements project**
- ii) For the CRSTS Steeton and Silsden Cycling and Walking Improvements project, approval to sign the agreement of the grant by the funder (West Yorkshire Combined Authority) and associated deed of variations.**

Dated this: 5th day of February 2025

, Richard Hollinson – Assistant Director - Place
Signed

**Richard Hollinson, Assistant Director – Place
(On behalf of David Shepherd, Strategic Director – Place)**


Signed

Councillor Ross-Shaw, Portfolio Holder - Regeneration, Planning and Transport

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

PROGRAMME: City Region Sustainable Transport Settlements

PROGRAMME YEAR: 2025

PROGRAMME PREVIOUSLY APPROVED ON: 3rd July 2024

LOCATION: Bradford Council District

PROJECT NO: N/A

ISSUE:

The CRSTS programme is a significant UK government investment aimed at enhancing local transport networks in major city regions. Its primary objectives are to:

- Improve public and sustainable transport options (buses, walking, cycling)
- Reduce congestion and improve air quality
- Support economic growth through better connectivity
- Promote environmental sustainability by reducing transport-related carbon emissions

Funded by the Department for Transport (DfT), the programme allocates £5.7 billion across eight city regions. The West Yorkshire Combined Authority (WYCA) received £830 million, with £136 million designated for Bradford Council's transport projects.

Key conditions for CRSTS funding include:

- Exclusive use for transport-related projects aligned with CRSTS objectives
- Adherence to the WYCA Assurance Framework, including business case development and progress reporting
- Completion within the 2022/23 to 2026/27 timeframe

This structured approach ensures effective use of funds to improve transport infrastructure and promote sustainable travel in the region.

A report is scheduled to be presented to the Executive Committee on 2nd April 2025 that outlines the projects included in Bradford's CRSTS Programme, detailing project funding allocations, programme timelines, and key risks.

The Executive will be asked to approve £136 million Bradford CRSTS programme as outlined in Table 1, encompassing expenditure for development and delivery of the specified projects. In addition, the Executive will be requested to authorise the Strategic Director of Place in conjunction with the Director of Finance and Director of Legal and Governance to approve and agree for the Council to enter into the necessary grant agreements for each project, including where relevant any subsequent deed of variations

as the projects advance through the West Yorkshire Combined Authority (WYCA) Assurance Framework.

Projects within the Bradford CRSTS Programme	Project specific funding allocation
Active Travel - Public Rights of Way	£712,080
Bradford Bus Hotspots	£3,500,000
Kings Road Sustainable Transport Corridor	£35,000,000
Wakefield Road Sustainable Transport Corridor	£20,000,000
Highways Asset Management	£51,167,200
Network Management Renewals and Enhancements	£5,775,000
Safer Roads	£5,775,000
Steeton and Silsden Cycling and Walking Improvements	£12,820,060
Sustainable Transport - WY Places	£1,255,000
Total	£136,004,340

Table 1 - Bradford CRSTS Programme

Each project, as detailed in Table 1, will have its own Grant Funding Agreement (GFA)

The Steeton and Silsden Cycling and Walking Improvements project aims to address safety concerns for pedestrians and cyclists at the junction of the A629, Keighley Road, and Station Road in the Bradford District. Additionally, it seeks to promote active travel in the area. This will be accomplished by constructing a walking and cycling bridge. Various options for implementing this have been explored in the Outline Business Case (OBC), which was approved by the West Yorkshire Combined Authority in November 2024.

PROPOSAL:

Option 1 (recommended) – Approve the £3,437,792 Grant Funding Agreement for the Steeton & Silsden Cycling and Walking Improvement project. This approval will enable further development to the next decision point within the WYCA Assurance Framework, ensuring that the overall delivery remains within the CRSTS funding constraint of March 2027.

Option 2 – Delay the approval of the £3,437,792 Grant Funding Agreement for the Steeton & Silsden Cycling and Walking Improvement Project until the CRSTS programme report is presented at the Executive Committee on 2nd April 2025. This delay would push the delivery end date of the Steeton & Silsden Cycling and Walking Improvement Project to July 2027, which exceeds the March 2027 CRSTS funding constraint.

Approval of the £3,437,792 Grant Funding Agreement for the Steeton & Silsden Cycling and Walking Improvement Project is recommended. This approval will facilitate further

development to the next decision point within the WYCA Assurance Framework, ensuring that the overall delivery remains within the CRSTS funding constraint of March 2027.

DRAWING NO: (attached): None provided.

SUPPORTING INFORMATION: None provided.

REPRESENTATIONS:

None

OTHER CONSIDERATIONS:

Decision No: 27 / 24. City Region Sustainable Transport Settlements (CRSTS) Programme was approved on 3rd July 2024

DETAILED ESTIMATE:

Budget	<u>2024/25</u>	<u>2025/26</u>	<u>2026/27</u>	<u>2027/28</u>	<u>2028/29</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
	<u>£'000</u>	<u>£'000</u>	<u>£'000</u>	<u>£'000</u>	<u>£'000</u>	<u>£'000</u>
<u>Capital Funding:</u>						
S106	100,000					100,000
Grant	2,068,896	1,368,896	9,382,268			12,820,060
Net Capital funding (borrowing)	2,168,896	1,368,896	9,382,268	0	0	12,920,060