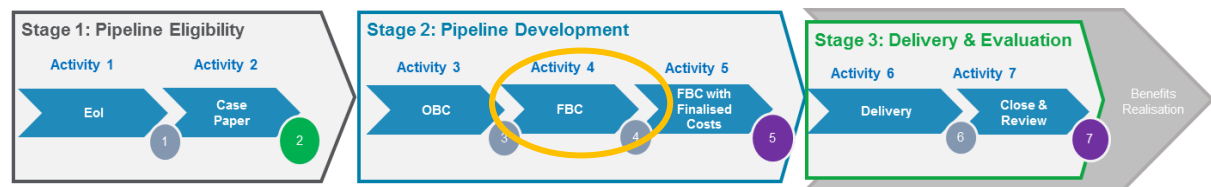


## Section A: Scheme Summary

<b>Name of scheme:</b>	<b>Department for Transport Capability Fund (Revenue)</b>
<b>Lead organisation:</b>	West Yorkshire Combined Authority
<b>Applicable funding stream(s) – Grant or Loan:</b>	Grant
<b>Growth Fund Priority Area (if applicable):</b>	Not applicable
<b>Approvals to date:</b>	None
<b>Forecasted full approval date (decision point 4):</b>	9 September 2021
<b>Forecasted completion date (decision point 5):</b>	31 March 2022
<b>Total scheme cost (£):</b>	£1,351,341
<b>Combined Authority funding (£):</b>	£1,351,341
<b>Total other public sector investment (£):</b>	£0
<b>Total other private sector investment (£):</b>	£0
<b>Is this a standalone project?</b>	Yes
<b>Is this a programme?</b>	No
<b>Is this project part of an agreed programme?</b>	Yes

## Current Assurance Process Activity:



## Scheme Description:

The scheme consists of activity funded by the Department for Transport's Capability Fund (Revenue), allocated to the Combined Authority to enable more people to walk and cycle across West Yorkshire.

The scheme also includes funding to support the development of the region's Local Cycle and Walking Implementation Plans (LCWIPs), which will set out the programme of future schemes.

The scheme has two key components. The first is a comprehensive behaviour change package to support people to walk and cycle more, building on the successful delivery of the Combined Authority's CityConnect programme. The second element will enable further development of schemes aligned with the emerging Local Cycling and Walking Infrastructure Plans (LCWIPs) for the five local authorities in West Yorkshire, the development of which is currently being co-ordinated by the Combined Authority.

A comprehensive behaviour change programme has been developed through the Combined Authority's CityConnect programme, which is dedicated to enabling more people to travel by bike or on foot. This is delivered alongside high-quality infrastructure to enable people to make the most of the region's investment in active travel.

This fund is intended to build on the work delivered through the CityConnect programme to widen participation in these activities and develop the community support network needed for people to access services which target barriers to active travel.

The programme of activity includes:

- Support to businesses to become more walk and cycle friendly through targeted support and small grants
- Support to communities through the development of grassroots active travel hubs and a small grants scheme
- Support to schools and early years settings, such as nurseries, to become more walk and bike friendly through targeted engagement
- Continued delivery of free adult cycle training as well as providing access to free bikes for eligible participants
- Development of an inclusive cycle training offer to widen participation in active travel to disabled people
- Continued delivery of health-based referral cycle training

This delivery will be supported by targeted behaviour change campaigns and communications.

**Business Case Summary:**

**Strategic Case**

The Capability (Revenue) Fund will help the West Yorkshire Combined Authority and its partners achieve the strategic objectives of delivering a 21<sup>st</sup> century transport network, inclusive growth and addressing the climate emergency through providing opportunity for people to make more journeys by bike or on foot.

To enable more people to walk and cycle more often, a long-term, comprehensive behaviour change programme for the region is needed to dismantle the barriers to cycling, walking and public transport use. Based on the experience of the Combined Authority's award-winning CityConnect programme, more journeys by bike requires a network of hubs, and provision of products and services that offer people access to cycle skills training to ride a bike confidently, or simply to have access to a bike.

This scheme has been developed based on learning from the CityConnect programme, as well as market research undertaken by the Combined Authority into the barriers that prevent people from travelling by bike, and motivations that would support people to make a change in travel behaviour, which this scheme seeks to address.

The scheme will also help to support the most disadvantaged communities across West Yorkshire to access the transport network and target and engage with people who have a protected characteristic to consider their needs and ensure activity is inclusive and will widen participation in walking and cycling.

In addition, this funding will enable further development of schemes prioritised for development through the emerging district LCWIPs. This is part of the Combined Authority's plan to create a cohesive and coherent network of walking and cycling routes across West Yorkshire, with a clear pipeline of schemes for delivery through future funding programmes.

The activities delivered will support the Combined Authority in responding to the climate emergency. Increased levels of walking and cycling are expected to play an important role in reducing carbon emissions, which are required for the region to meet its ambition to be a net-zero carbon economy by 2038. The programme will also work towards achieving the changes in travel behaviour currently being identified through the Carbon Emissions Reduction Pathway work.

**Commercial Case**

The Department for Transport has confirmed an allocation to the West Yorkshire Combined Authority of £1,351,341 from the government's Capability Fund.

	<p>Both the behaviour change programme and the development of the LCWIP programme will also be delivered in partnership with the five local authorities in West Yorkshire.</p> <p>The scheme builds on a programme of activities already being delivered and will be procured through extending existing contracts or new tenders through a procurement exercise. The scheme will use the existing mechanism in place to deliver the small grants schemes to communities and businesses.</p>
<b>Economic Case</b>	<p>The programme will deliver a series of activities which will support West Yorkshire's post COVID-19 recovery and contribute to the government's aim to achieve a step-change in active travel (cycling and walking) seeing them play a key role in England's transport system.</p> <p>Delivering a wide range of measures and activities designed to encourage more people to cycle, walk or use public transport instead of private cars, for journeys to and from education, employment, and other key destinations, will enable a series of health, clean growth, and inclusive growth benefits to be realised. These include health benefits as a result of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Reduced carbon emissions and improvements to air quality, as more people choose to travel on foot, by bike or public transport rather than by car</li> <li>• Increased levels of physical activity through everyday cycling and walking leading to improved health</li> <li>• Targeted health-focused cycle training based on GP prescribing for those with low levels of physical activity</li> </ul>
<b>Financial Case</b>	<p>West Yorkshire's total confirmed allocation from the Department for Transport is £1,351,341:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Behaviour change programme (up to £1,203,986)</li> <li>• Cycle and walking development (up to £147,355)</li> </ul> <p>The funding will need to be committed by 31 March 2022, with activity delivered and reported on by March 2023.</p>
<b>Management Case</b>	<p>The programme includes a range of behaviour change measures to be delivered by the communications and engagement team that sits within the travel and transport marketing team at the Combined Authority. This will build on activity that is currently being delivered, and with the support of local authority and other delivery partners through existing relationships.</p>

The LCWIP process is being handled by the Transport Policy Team within the Combined Authority in combination with the districts. This money will be used to enlarge the ongoing programme of LCWIP scheme development and prioritisation which is funded by the Integrated Transport Block.

The funding allocated to support the development of the LCWIP programme will be managed by the Active Travel Policy Officer through the existing framework with consultants to develop and prioritise LCWIP routes, as an addition to the existing budget.