

**SOUTHEND-ON-SEA ENHANCED  
PARTNERSHIP PLAN 2023-2028  
AND  
SOUTHEND-ON-SEA ENHANCED  
PARTNERSHIP SCHEME**

**Agenda  
Item No.**

**Overview of Expenditure Plans for BSIP Phase 2 Funds**

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Southend-on-Sea City Council was awarded £479,250 by DfT for each of the years 2023/24 and 2024/25 in the BSIP Phase 2 settlement for English Local Transport Authorities. The amounts were awarded to the Council based on a formula approach and subject to the Council adhering to certain document delivery timescales required by the DfT.

While the Council appreciates the funding allocated to us, the amount awarded to the Council was considerably less than the amount requested from the DfT in the BSIP in 2021. In addition, the funding was for revenue expenditure only and was not to be spent on capital schemes.

There were, therefore, only certain elements in the BSIP that could be progressed using the DfT BSIP Phase 2 funding. Under these constraints, the Council has focused on certain parts of the BSIP in its general approach to spending the BSIP Phase 2 funding, this focus being as follows:

- **Move, where possible, towards a bus network which provides a more comprehensive service across the day;** by providing some services in the evening on routes where services would otherwise stop at the beginning of the evening (e.g. services 24, 29)
- **Reintroduce, where possible, services on sections of road where there is known to be demand** (and where, without a bus service, some disbenefit or hardship would exist); but where the demand is not currently at a level which would be commercially feasible for the operators to introduce without this funding (e.g. service 21A along Carlton Avenue, service 6 extension to Garon Park)
- **Enable the carrying out of tasks to maintain and improve the bus network** (e.g. by employment of a Public Transport Assistant to manage a programme of bus stop improvements)
- **Improve the visible integration of the Southend bus network** (development elements that are still being formulated)