

Bus Infrastructure Fund 2026/27 – Acceptance of external funding approved.

3 Councillor Millar, City Convener for Climate, Glasgow Green Deal, Transport and City Centre Recovery, presented a report regarding the acceptance of funding from the Bus Infrastructure Fund (BIF) 2026/27, advising

- (1) that the Scottish Government's Bus Infrastructure Fund (BIF) investment supported the development and construction of a wide range of bus infrastructure projects across Scotland and was administered through a 2-Tier funding model;
- (2) that funding of £20m from the BIF Tier 1 had been distributed to all local authorities on a per capita basis based on levels of transport poverty and Glasgow had been allocated £1,737,000 of funding which would primarily be used for bus stop accessibility improvements;
- (3) that BIF Tier 2 funding had been made available to Voluntary Bus Partnerships that had previously undertaken work through the BIF when it had been paused and local authorities and Regional Transport Authorities had now been asked to submit a list of prioritised projects that they wished to take forward on behalf of their Partnerships;
- (4) of the key aim of the BIF, particularly for Tier 2 funding, and that the Council had been awarded £3,630,000;
- (5) of a number of projects identified totalling £3,555,000, that could progressed using the BIF funding, as detailed in the report; and
- (6) that additionally, Glasgow City Region Bus Partnership would receive £75,000 BIF funding to support the continued development and coordination of partnership activities that underpinned the delivery of Bus Infrastructure Fund (BIF) projects across the region; and
- (7) Strathclyde Partnership for Transport (SPT) capital funding had been secured for 2026/27 to support a programme of bus and public transport accessibility interventions across the city, and under delegated authority, the sum of £450,000 had been accepted to progress the projects detailed in the report.

After consideration, the committee

- (a) noted that under delegated authority an external funding award
 - (i) of £1,737,000 from the Bus Infrastructure Tier 1 had been accepted for 2026/27;
 - (ii) of £450,000 of Strathclyde Partnership for Transport capital funding had been accepted for 2026/27; and
- (b) approved the acceptance of external grant funding of £3,630,000 from the Bus Infrastructure Tier 2 fund for 2026/27.