

AGENDA MANAGEMENT SHEET

Name of Committee Cabinet

Date of Committee 12th October 2006

Report Title Warwickshire Quality Rail Partnership - Bedworth Railway Station Upgrade

Summary The report sets out a proposal to allocate £164,000 of Public Transport Minor Works funding to the upgrade of Bedworth railway station as part of the Warwickshire Quality Rail Partnership.

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Would the recommended decision be contrary to the Budget and Policy Framework? Yes/No

Background Papers None

CONSULTATION ALREADY UNDERTAKEN:- *Details to be specified*

- Other Committees Cabinet 25 May 2006, 15th June 2006
- Local Member(s) Councillor K Browne } for information
(With brief comments, if appropriate) Councillor Mrs E Goode }
Councillor Mrs J Lea }
- Other Elected Members
- Cabinet Member Councillor M Heatley – ‘This is to be well received
(Reports to The Cabinet, to be cleared with by the people that use the station for travel from
appropriate Cabinet Member) and to Bedworth. I endorse the plan’
- Chief Executive
- Legal I Marriott – agreed.

- Finance O Winters – comments incorporated
- Other Chief Officers
- District Councils
- Health Authority
- Police
- Other Bodies/Individuals

FINAL DECISION **YES/NO** *(If 'No' complete Suggested Next Steps)*

SUGGESTED NEXT STEPS :

Details to be specified

- Further consideration by this Committee
- To Council
- To Cabinet
- To an O & S Committee
- To an Area Committee
- Further Consultation

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**Warwickshire Quality Rail Partnership - Bedworth Railway
Station Upgrade**

**Report of the Strategic Director for
Environment and Economy**

Recommendation

That the scheme to upgrade Bedworth Railway Station be included in the 2006-7 Transport Capital Programme at the increased cost of £164,000.

1. Introduction

- 1.1 Warwickshire's Local Transport Plan 2006 (LTP) seeks to promote social inclusion, improve accessibility and encourage reduced reliance on the car by promoting improved public transport services. The LTP Policy PR2 states that the County Council will encourage the provision of rail services which are accessible, acceptable and simple to use. To achieve this the County Council wishes to see good quality facilities at stations, including provision of:-
- (i) Waiting Shelters.
 - (ii) Platform Lighting and Security.
 - (iii) Access for those who have health, physical or sensory difficulties.
 - (iv) Electronic Real Time Visual Display Screens.
 - (v) Safe and attractive access for pedestrians.
 - (vi) Public Address Systems.
- 1.2 At its meeting on the 15th June 2006, Cabinet approved the Warwickshire Quality Rail Partnership (Station Improvements). The Warwickshire Quality Rail Partnership (comprising of Network Rail, Central Trains, Chiltern Railways and Virgin Trains) enables the partners to agree and work together to deliver further improvements to services and station facilities more effectively. This is achieved by pooling delivery and funding resources in order to secure value for money for both for the partners, existing and potential passengers and local communities.

- 1.3 On 25th May 2006 Members approved the 2006-7 Capital Programme for Transport. This programme included an allocation of £306,000 to Minor Public Transport Schemes starting in 2006-7. The allocation is split over two years with £206,000 currently identified for 2006-7 and £100,000 for completion of schemes in 2007-8.
- 1.4 The Minor Public Transport Schemes programme included an allocation of £60,000 for the proposals for an upgrade of Bedworth Railway Station (part of the Warwickshire Quality Rail partnership). The original scheme provided a new shelter on each platform and a new automated audible public address system.
- 1.5 However, following further feasibility work, a number of further additional improvements have been added to the scheme and it now represents a major enhancement of Bedworth station. It includes:-
- (i) Full station CCTV.
 - (ii) Visual Displays Screens – real time information on train services.
 - (iii) Automated audible public address system (with inductive loops for the hard of hearing) – audible real time information on train services.
 - (iv) A new ‘anti-vandal’ shelter on each platform.
- 1.6 Central Trains have agreed to project manage the scheme and undertake the long term management and maintenance of all the new facilities at the station. This represents a significant financial contribution to the overall scheme on their part.
- 1.7 The additional improvements have resulted in a scheme estimate of £164,000. The cost of this increase can be met from slippage in other Warwickshire Quality Rail partnership schemes (all included in the Minor Public Transport Schemes programme). Car park extension schemes were planned for Hatton and Lapworth Railway Stations in 2006/2007. However, it has been identified that third party land is required at both locations. Therefore, although it is still hoped to carry out these schemes, they will have to be re-introduced into the Capital Programme in 2007-08.
- 1.8 Therefore, the savings made in 2006-7 programme by not implementing these schemes will cover the additional £104,000 cost of the further additional improvements at Bedworth Railway Station (£60,000 being the original allocation as described in Paragraph 1.4).
- 1.9 A bid has been submitted to the Department for Transport for ‘Access for All’ funding for the Visual Displays Screens and Automated audible public address system at Bedworth. The ‘Access for All’ funding is available to spend on specific projects with the objective of providing infrastructure improvements at stations which will enable disabled people to access the national rail network. The value of the bid is, if successful, is between £20,000 and £33,000 and would be paid to the County Council in financial year 2007/2008.

2. Recommendation

- 2.1 It is recommended that the scheme to upgrade Bedworth Railway Station be included in the 2006-7 Transport Capital Programme at the increased cost of £164,000.

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