

Proposed Decision to be made by the Deputy Leader (Finance and Property) on or after 15 September 2017

Addition of one Developer-funded Highway Scheme to the Capital Programme

Recommendation

That the Deputy Leader (Finance and Property) gives approval to add the following scheme to the Capital Programme for 2017-18:

- A Southbound Bus Stop on Leicester Road (A426) opposite Elliott's Field Retail Park in Rugby. Approximate cost £80,000.

1.0 Key Issues

- 1.1 On 23 May 2017, the Council reconfirmed the delegated power to the Leader, or body nominated by them, to approve the addition to the capital programme of schemes costing less than £2.0 million, which are fully funded from external grants, developer contributions or from revenue. The Portfolio Holder for Finance and Property is that nominated body.
- 1.2 The provision of a southbound bus stop on Leicester Road opposite Elliott's Field Retail Park will be fully funded by applicable Section 106 developer contribution monies discharged to the County Council. The addition of this scheme to the capital programme will not affect the overall level of available capital resources available to the Council.
- 1.3 Within the following section of this report there is reference to a technical drawing showing the initial detailed design of the proposed bus stop provision. This scheme is subject to ongoing development work, and therefore, the final detail of the scheme may differ slightly to that presented in this report.

2.0 A426 Leicester Road, Rugby

- 2.1 In order to support mass development along the A426 corridor in north Rugby, WCC Passenger Transport is utilising Section 106 developer contributions to enhance local bus service connectivity in the area. In October 2015, WCC Passenger Transport agreed to allocate £11k from this developer contribution towards developing the design of a key new southbound bus stop off Leicester Road (A426) dual carriageway opposite Elliott's Field Retail Park (and also situated adjacent to the Junction One Retail Park and Tesco Superstore), in acknowledgement that separate developer funding was being sought to secure delivery. The proposed bus stop is viewed as strategically important due to the range of retailers that are either opening new premises at major retail parks off the A426 corridor in north Rugby, or alternatively, relocating from the town centre to these retail parks. The

delivery of the bus stop is also supported by local bus service operators, Stagecoach Midlands and Arriva Midlands.

- 2.2 A planning application was submitted to Rugby Borough Council in regard to demolition and comprehensive redevelopment comprising retail units, restaurant/café and associated works on the former Tribune Trading Estate site. Planning permission was granted on 20 January 2017 (Planning Application Ref No. R16/1387) and this requires the Developer to make a financial contribution of £69k to the County Council (through a Section 106 Agreement) for the purpose of securing the provision of a bus stop off Leicester Road (A426), in the form of a layby with associated infrastructure.

3.0 Timescales associated with the decision/Next steps

- 3.1 The initial detailed design of the bus stop and associated infrastructure is provided in Drawing No. 9.2-A426--059-002 at Appendix A of this report. However, this may be subject to change as the detailed design is further developed to completion. Subject to the recommendation being agreed, it is anticipated that the bus stop provision works will be completed within the 2017-18 financial year.

Background Papers

None

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Appendix A

Southbound Bus Stop on Leicester Road (A426) opposite Elliott's Field Retail Park in Rugby: Initial Detailed Design Proposal - Drawing No. 9.2-A426--059-002

