Decision Record – Addition of two Developer-funded Highway Schemes to the Capital Programme

Cabinet Portfolio Holder taking the decision	Cllr Peter Butlin Deputy Leader (Finance & Property)
Date of Decision (not before 20 October 2017)	23/10/2017

Decision Taken

The Deputy Leader (Finance and Property) gives approval to add the following schemes to the 2017/2018 capital programme subject to the applicable Section 278 Agreements with the Developers being signed which will provide for 100% of the funding.

- A47 The Long Shoot (Callendar Farm), Nuneaton. Developer Jelson Ltd. Approximate cost £150k
- C12 Plough Hill Road, Galley Common. Developer Taylor Wimpey. Approximate cost £300k

Reasons for Decisions

Additions to the Capital Programme need the approval of the Finance Portfolio Holder, in this instance the Deputy Leader (Finance and Property).

Background Information

On 23 May 2017 Council reconfirmed the delegated power to the Leader, or body nominated by them, to approve the addition to the capital programme of projects costing less than £2.0 million, which are fully funded from external grants, developer contributions or from revenue. The Deputy Leader (Finance and Property) is that nominated body.

These schemes will be fully funded by developer contributions ring fenced for the works specified. For developer funded schemes there are no alternative uses for the contributions and the addition of these schemes will not affect the overall level of available capital resources.

Within the report there are references to plans showing the proposed highway improvements in accordance with the appropriate planning decisions. These schemes are subject to on-going technical approval processes and the final detail of the schemes may differ slightly to those in the report.

1. A47 The Long Shoot (Callendar Farm), Nuneaton

A planning application was submitted to Nuneaton and Bedworth Borough Council by Callendar Farm Ltd for redevelopment of land at Cresswells Farm, The Long Shoot, to erect up to 150 dwellings. Planning permission was granted on 21 March 2016 (ref: 032578) and this requires the Developer to make alterations on the highway including the construction of a new refuge island and changes to road markings. The development is now being taken forward by Jelson Ltd.

The County Council will enter into a Section 278 agreement with the Developer to undertake the works at an estimated cost of £150,000 including fees. It is currently proposed to deliver the works utilising the highway maintenance contract. Under the agreement the costs will be fully funded by the Developer. Subject to the signing of the S278 agreement, works are expected to commence in January 2018 and be completed within the 2017/2018 financial year.

2. C12 Plough Hill Road, Galley Common

A planning application was submitted to Nuneaton and Bedworth Borough Council by Gladman Developments Ltd for a residential development of up to 262 dwellings. Planning permission was granted on appeal on 17 August 2015 (ref: 033156) and this requires the Developer to install a Puffin crossing and associated footway works near Galley Common School, and to amend parking arrangements at the northern end of Plough Hill Road. The development is now being taken forward by Taylor Wimpey.

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The installation of a controlled pedestrian crossing will be subject to a separate statutory notice and consultation procedure and any objections will be reported to the Portfolio Holder for Transport and Environment.

The County Council will enter into a Section 278 agreement with the Developer to undertake the works at an estimated cost of £300,000 including fees. Under the agreement the costs will be fully funded by the Developer. Tenders are expected to be invited during January 2018 and, subject to the signing of the S278 agreement, works are expected to commence in March 2018 and will be completed within the 2018/2019 financial year.

Financial Implications

None direct to the Council as project fully funded.

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Checklist

Urgent matter?	No
Confidential or Exempt?(State the category of exempt information)	No
Is the decision contrary to the budget and policy framework?	No

List of Reports considered

Link to published proposed decision report:

https://democratic.warwickshire.gov.uk/cmis5/CalendarofMeetings/tabid/128/ctl/ViewMeetingPublic/mid/6 45/Meeting/4120/Committee/586/Default.aspx

List of Background Papers

None

Members and officers consulted or informed – please include any comments

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Equality - Polly Sharma, Claire Bonnet

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