

Decision Record – Addition of one Developer-funded Scheme to the 2018/2019 Capital Programme

Cabinet Portfolio Holder taking the decision	Cllr Peter Butlin Deputy Leader - Finance & Property
Date of Decision (not before 14 September 2018)	17/09/2018

Decision Taken

That the Deputy Leader (Finance and Property) gives approval to add the following highway improvement scheme to the 2018/2019 capital programme subject to the applicable (Highways Act, 1980) Section 278 Agreement being signed which will provide for 100% of the funding:

- Highway improvements in connection with the development of the Rugby Free School. Funded by the Education and Skills Funding Agency. Approximate value £750k

Reasons for Decisions

Additions to the Capital Programme up to £2m must be approved by the Portfolio Holder for Finance

Background Information

A planning application was submitted to the Regulatory Committee of Warwickshire County Council on behalf of Warwickshire County Council and the Education and Skills Funding Agency for the development of a new secondary school and new SEN school on the existing site of Rokeby Infant School. Planning permission was granted on 21 December 2017 (ref: RBC/16CC016).

The planning permission requires highway improvements to be undertaken at the following locations:

- New access on Anderson Avenue
- Traffic calming on Anderson Avenue, Long Furlong, Charlesfield Road and Rosewood Avenue
- Traffic signal junction at Dunchurch Road / Kingsway
- Puffin crossing on Dunchurch Road near Shakespeare Gardens
- Toucan crossing on Dunchurch Road near Overslade Lane.

With the exception of the Puffin crossing on Dunchurch Road near Shakespeare Gardens, plans showing the current design of the proposed highway improvements for are included in **Appendix A**, however these may be subject to change as the detailed design evolves.

A subsequent planning application was submitted to the Regulatory Committee of Warwickshire County Council in respect of the demolition of existing buildings to create a new classroom block. Planning permission was granted on 08 June 2018 (ref: RBC/18CC003) and requires that the Toucan crossing on Dunchurch Road near Overslade Lane be in place in September 2018. Arrangements are being made for a temporary crossing to be installed whilst progress is made with finalising the design and installation of a permanent crossing.

The County Council will now enter into a Section 278 agreement with the Education and Skills Funding Agency to undertake the works at an estimated cost of **£750,000** including fees. Under the agreement the costs will be fully funded by the Education and Skills Funding Agency. Subject to the signing of the S278 agreement the works are expected to commence in the 2018/2019 financial year and be completed within the 2019/2020 financial year.

Financial Implications

None direct to WCC.

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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 - please include link to report
Link to published proposed decision report: https://democratic.warwickshire.gov.uk/cm5/Calendarofmeetings/tabid/73/ctl/ViewMeetingPublic/mid/410/Meeting/4295/Committee/586/Default.aspx

List of Background Papers - please include a contact for access to background papers
None

Members and officers consulted or informed – please include any comments
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