

## Proposed Decision to be taken by the Portfolio Holder for Finance and Property on or after 15 July 2016

### Addition of Four Developer-funded Highway Schemes to the Capital Programme

#### Recommendation

The Portfolio Holder for Finance and Property gives approval to add the following four schemes to the 2016/2017 capital programme subject to the applicable Section 278 Agreements with the Developers being signed which will provide for 100% of the funding.

- A422 Alcester Road, Stratford-upon-Avon – access to development and relocation of Toucan crossing. Developer – Taylor Wimpey Midlands. Approximate cost £225,000.
- A426 Southam Road, Southam – access to quarry at Griffin's Farm. Developer – CEMEX UK Cement Limited. Approximate cost £245,000.
- A428 Lawford Road, Rugby – right turn lane and access to development site. Developer – Stepnell Limited. Approximate cost £190,000.
- B4429 Ashlawn Road, Rugby – new Puffin crossing. Developer – Bovis Homes Central Region. Approximate cost £150,000.

#### 1.0 Key Issues

- 1.1 On 4 February 2016 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 £1.5 million, which are fully funded from external grants, developer contributions or from revenue.
- 1.2 These schemes will be fully funded by a developer contribution ring-fenced for the works specified. For developer funded schemes, there are no alternative uses for the contribution and the addition of these schemes will not affect the overall level of available capital resources.

#### 2.0 A422 Alcester Road, Stratford-upon-Avon

- 2.1 A planning application was submitted to Stratford-on-Avon District Council by Taylor Wimpey Ltd for a development of 68 dwellings. Planning permission was granted on 19 January 2016 (ref: 15/03408/FUL) and this requires the Developer to provide a site access and to relocate the existing Toucan crossing to accommodate this.
- 2.2 A plan showing the proposed highway improvement is included in **Appendix A**. The relocation of the Toucan crossing is subject to a separate statutory notice and consultation procedure. If objections are received, these will be reported to a meeting of the Portfolio Holder for Transport and

Planning for a decision on whether or not to approve the relocation of the Toucan crossing.

- 2.3 Subject to the recommendation being agreed, the County Council will enter into a Section 278 agreement with the Developer to undertake the works at an estimated cost of **£225,000** including fees. Under the agreement the costs will be fully funded by the Developer. Tenders are expected to be invited during September 2016 and, subject to the signing of the S278 agreement, works are expected to commence in October 2016.

### **3.0 A426 Southam Road, Southam – access to quarry at Griffin’s Farm**

- 3.1 A planning application was submitted to Warwickshire County Council by CEMEX UK Cement Ltd for construction of a new conveyor belt tunnel between Griffin’s Farm extension area and Southam Quarry along with an associated new vehicular access to the extension area. Planning permission was granted on 03 February 2014 (ref: SDC/13CM030).
- 3.2 The proposed S278 highway improvements comprise the vehicular access and the road restraint system above the line of the tunnel. A plan showing these is included in **Appendix B**.
- 3.3 Subject to the recommendation being agreed, the County Council will enter into a Section 278 agreement with the Developer to undertake the works at an estimated cost of **£245,000** including fees. Under the agreement the costs will be fully funded by the Developer. Tenders are expected to be invited during August 2016 and, subject to the signing of the S278 agreement, works are expected to commence in September 2016.

### **4.0 A428 Lawford Road, Rugby**

- 4.1 A planning application was submitted to Rugby Borough Council by Stepnell Ltd for the redevelopment of their site for offices and industrial units. Planning permission was granted on 13 November 2015 (ref: R14/0440) and this requires the Developer to provide a new site access and to extend the 30 mph speed limit on Lawford Road to beyond the access.
- 4.2 A plan showing the proposed highway improvement is included in **Appendix C**. The extension of the 30 mph speed limit is subject to a separate traffic regulation order advertisement and consultation process. If objections are received, these will be reported to a meeting of the Portfolio Holder for Transport and Planning for a decision on whether or not to approve the extension of the 30 mph speed limit.
- 4.3 Subject to the recommendation being agreed, the County Council will enter into a Section 278 agreement with the Developer to undertake the works at an estimated cost of **£190,000** including fees. Under the agreement the costs will be fully funded by the Developer. Tenders are expected to be invited during September 2016 and, subject to the signing of the S278 agreement, works are expected to commence in October 2016.

## 5.0 B4429 Ashlawn Road, Rugby

- 5.1 A planning application was submitted to Rugby Borough Council by Richborough Estates for a development of approximately 85 dwellings. Planning permission was granted on 02 December 2015 (ref: R14/0407) and this requires the Developer to provide a new Puffin crossing on Ashlawn Road. The development is now being taken forward by Bovis Homes Central Region.
- 5.2 A plan showing the proposed highway improvement is included in **Appendix D**. The installation of a Puffin crossing is subject to a separate statutory notice and consultation procedure. If objections are received, these will be reported to a meeting of the Portfolio Holder for Transport and Planning for a decision on whether or not to approve the installation of a Puffin crossing.
- 5.3 Subject to the recommendation being agreed, 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. Under the agreement the costs will be fully funded by the Developer. Tenders are expected to be invited during September 2016 and, subject to the signing of the S278 agreement, works are expected to commence in October 2016.

## Background papers

None

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A426 Southam Road, Southam: Councillor Appleton (Southam)

A428 Lawford Road, Rugby: Councillor O'Rouke (Lawford and New Bilton)

B4429 Ashlawn Road, Rugby: Councillors Dodd and Roodhouse (Eastlands and Hillmorton)

Other members: Councillors Butlin, N Davies, Dirveiks, Morris-Jones, Western