

Joint Decision Record – Rugby Gyrotory Improvement Scheme

Cabinet Portfolio Holder taking the decision	Cllr Alan Cockburn (Deputy Leader) and Cllr Peter Butlin (Transport and Planning)
Date of Decision (not before: 20 th Dec 2013)	23/12/2013

Decision Taken

That, subject to the Department for Transport making an offer of Local Pinch Point Funding for this scheme:

- 1) The Deputy Leader approves the addition of the Rugby Gyrotory Improvement Scheme to the Capital Programme, at an estimated cost of £1.455 million; and
- 2) The Portfolio Holder for Transport and Planning approves the virement of £455,000 to this scheme from funds no longer required for Stratford Parkway within the Transport Capital Programme.

Reasons for Decisions

The proposed scheme comprises improvements to the Warwick Street Gyrotory in Rugby and is a key proposal in the Warwickshire Local Transport Plan 2011 – 2026.

The scheme is designed to address existing traffic congestion problems at a key interchange point in the town and also to accommodate significant future housing and employment growth.

The scheme is supported by a wide range of organisations including the Coventry and Warwickshire Local Enterprise Partnership, Rugby Borough Council, Stagecoach Warwickshire, Rugby First and Sustrans.

The scheme comprises the following:-

- (a) New traffic signals on the A428 Lawrence Sheriff Street, A426 Dunchurch Road and B4642 Bilton Road approaches to the Gyrotory and on the circulatory carriageway to better manage traffic flow;
- (b) Provision of additional lanes on the circulatory carriageway and on the A426 Dunchurch Road and B4642 Bilton Road approaches to increase vehicle capacity; and
- (c) Major improvements for pedestrians and cyclists, including a new shared use foot / cycleway and traffic signal crossing upgrades.

A plan of the proposed scheme is included in Appendix A to the proposed decision report.

The DfT is expected to announce whether the bid has been successful by the end of December 2013. If an offer of Local Pinch Point Funding is received, it is anticipated that the County Council will have only a very short time in which to accept the funding.

Background Information

On 27 September 2013, the Secretary of State for Transport invited local authorities to bid for Local Pinch Point Funding (LPPF) (Tranche 4) for transport schemes which can be implemented quickly to remove bottlenecks on the local highway network. The deadline date for submission of bids was 31 October 2013.

The County Council submitted a bid to the Department for Transport (DfT) on the above deadline date for capital funding to make major improvements to the Warwick Street Gyratory in Rugby.

The rules governing Tranche 4 bids require schemes to be delivered in 2013/14 or 2014/15. There must also be a local funding contribution of at least 30% towards total scheme costs which are estimated at £1.455 million. This local contribution can be made up of both local authority and third party funding.

If the bid is successful, a local contribution of £455,000 would be required from funds no longer required for Stratford Parkway within the Transport Capital Programme to complement the offer of a DfT funding contribution of £1 million. There is no other third party funding available.

The scheme would then need to be delivered during the financial year 2014/15 which is the final period when the DfT's funding contribution in the form of capital would be available.

As the period of time available to prepare and submit the bid was very short, it was not possible to obtain formal approval from the Portfolio Holder for Transport and Planning to do so. However, the Portfolio Holder was aware and supportive of the bid and it was recognised that by submitting it to DfT, there was no commitment to incur any costs without approval.

Financial Implications

As outlined in the report.

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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/128/ctl/ViewMeetingPublic/mid/645/Meeting/2839/Committee/551/Default.aspx>

List of Background Papers - please include a contact for access to background papers

None listed.

Members and officers consulted or informed – please include any comments

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