

**Proposed Decision to be taken by the  
Portfolio Holder for Transport and Planning  
On or after 13 July 2018**

**Approval to Submit a Bid to Highways England for the  
A46 Stoneleigh Junction Improvement Scheme**

**Recommendation**

That the Portfolio Holder for Transport and Planning approves the submission of a bid to Highways England for the A46 Stoneleigh Junction Improvement Scheme pedestrian and cycling facilities.

**1.0 Key Issues**

- 1.1 It is a requirement of the County Council's constitution that Portfolio Holders approve funding bids submitted on behalf of the County Council.
- 1.2 At its meeting on 15<sup>th</sup> May 2018, Council agreed to allocate £10m funding from the Capital Investment Fund towards the A46 Stoneleigh Junction Improvement scheme. It was also agreed that the funding allocated from the Capital Investment Fund be reduced if alternative sources of funding become available prior to the scheme being delivered.
- 1.2 This report seeks such approval in relation to a bid to Highways England for introducing dedicated pedestrian and cycle infrastructure at the A46 Stoneleigh Junction.

**2.0 Options and Proposal**

- 2.1 Highways England has a designated fund as part of its overall Road Investment Strategy. This is allocated for schemes that deliver cycle infrastructure on or close to the Strategic Road Network. The A46 Stoneleigh Junction Improvement Scheme is a joint project consisting of partners including Warwickshire County Council (WCC), Coventry City Council (CCC), Warwick District Council (WDC), the Department for Transport (DfT) and Highways England. The involvement of Highways England as one of the key partners means that a bid can be submitted for the cycle infrastructure fund.
- 2.2 The A46 Stoneleigh Junction Improvement Scheme will upgrade the junction to a standard gyratory roundabout layout. It will re-align all the approaches, give segregated free flowing lanes and introduce dedicated pedestrian and cycle facilities.
- 2.3 The A46 Stoneleigh Junction acts as a barrier to pedestrians and cyclists, with no facilities provided in the current layout. The proposed layout includes shared used pedestrian and cycle facilities on both sides of the junction and

signalised crossing points at each slip road. This will provide a significant improvement for pedestrians and cyclists at the junction recognising that these improvements and expected residential and employment developments in the area will increase the demand for such provision.

2.4 The value of the cycling and pedestrian infrastructure within the overall improvement scheme has been estimated, for the purpose of application to Highways England. The cost of this part of the works is £1.000m.

2.5 It is proposed to submit a bid to Highways England for £1 million towards the total cost of the scheme: £33.1m. The breakdown for the scheme is as follows:

| Funding Source               | Amount          | Status   |
|------------------------------|-----------------|--|
| DfT Growth Deal 1            | £1.542m         | Secured  |
| DfT Growth Deal 1            | £18.058m        | To be secured  |
| WMCA Devolution Deal         | £6.600m         | Awaiting decision  |
| WCC Capital Investment Fund  | £10.000m        | £10.000m secured, £2m allocated for spend in advance of the confirmation of DfT and WMCA funding |
| Highways England             | £1.000m         | To be secured  |
| <b>Total Funding Package</b> | <b>£37.200m</b> |  |
| Reduction in WCC CIF         | -£4.100m        | Subject to receipt of external funding   |
| <b>Total Scheme Cost</b>     | <b>£33.100m</b> |  |

2.6 If successful this Highways England funding would form part of the overall funding package for the scheme. The WCC project team will comply with any conditions and undertake any reporting required by the funding body.

2.7 The WCC CIF allocation will be reduced by £1.000m only on receipt of this funding.

### 3.0 Timescales associated with the decision and next steps

3.1 At present, the Project Team is in the process of securing the final elements of the funding strategy for the scheme. The aim is to have this completed by December 2018 with construction starting on the junction in spring 2019.

3.2 The current programme is as follows:

| Key Date       | Activity  |
|----------------|---|
| June 2018      | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Submission of WMCA Application</li> </ul>  |
| July 2018      | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Planning Application considered at Regulatory Committee</li> <li>• Funding application considered through WMCA Process</li> <li>• Funding application submitted to Highways England</li> </ul> |
| August 2018    | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Receipt of Tender price</li> </ul>   |
| September 2018 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Submission of DfT Application</li> <li>• WMCA Board considers funding application</li> <li>• Highways England considers funding application</li> </ul>   |
| Autumn 18/19   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Receipt of funding approvals from external bodies</li> <li>• Completion of Land Acquisitions</li> <li>• Completion of Agreements with Highways England and Statutory</li> </ul>                |
| Winter 18/19   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Receipt of funding approvals from DfT</li> <li>• Let contract</li> </ul>   |
| Spring 2019    | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Start of main construction works</li> </ul>  |
| Winter 2020    | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Scheme open to traffic</li> </ul>  |

3.3 The Portfolio Holder is asked to support the submission of a bid to Highways England for the A46 Stoneleigh Improvement Scheme.

## 4.0 Background papers

None

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