

Portfolio Holder Decisions/Leader Decisions

Friday 5 August 2022

Minutes

Attendance

Committee Members
Councillor Peter Butlin

1. Additions to the Capital Programme 2022-23

Resolved

That the Deputy Leader (Finance and Property) gives approval to add the following Section 106 developer-funded schemes to the capital programme:

- Provision of a pair of bus stops with infrastructure and traffic management within 1km of the development on Southam Road in Radford Semele. Approximate cost £49.1k;
- Enhancement of bus stops within the vicinity of the development in Bishops Tachbrook. Approximate cost £16.3k;
- Bus stop improvements at Rugby Road B4453 in Cubbington. Approximate cost £12.3k;
- Improvement of bus stops along Damson Road in Hampton Magna. Approximate cost £9.7k;
- Provision of two new bus stops near or at the site to improve access to public transport in Temple Herdewyke. Approximate cost £13.8k; and
- Provision of bus stops, bus shelters and/or crossing facilities on the B4100 near the Jaguar Land Rover/British Motor Museum site near Gaydon. Approximate cost £30k.

2. Funding for ROW bridleway and bridge

Resolved

The Portfolio Holder for Finance and Property gives approval to:

- 1) Fund the replacement of a bridge on Public Footpath R260 at Sawbridge at an estimated cost of £25000.
- 2) Fund the drainage improvements and associated work on Public Bridleway SS61 at an estimated cost of £45000.

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Portfolio Holder Decision

Addition of Developer-Funded Highway Schemes to the Capital Programme

Portfolio Holder	Deputy Leader (Finance and Property)
Date of decision	5 August 2022
	Signed 

1. Decision taken

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- Provision of bus stops, bus shelters and/or crossing facilities on the B4100 near the Jaguar Land Rover/British Motor Museum site near Gaydon. Approximate cost £30k.

2. Reasons for decisions

- 2.1 Pursuant to the constitution the Portfolio Holder for Finance and Property has delegated power to approve the addition to the Capital Programme of schemes costing less than £2.0million, which are funded from external grants, developer contributions or from revenue.
- 2.2 The schemes referred to in this report are within the delegation to the Portfolio Holder for Finance and Property. The schemes are all fully funded by way of Section 106 developer contributions discharged to the County Council and are not dependent on any funding from County Council resources.

3. Background information

- 3.1 Provision of a pair of bus stops with infrastructure within 1km of the development on Southam Road in Radford Semele:
A planning application was submitted to Warwick District Council relating to a commercial development on Southam Road in Radford Semele. Planning permission was granted on 21 September 2004 (Planning Ref No. W/03/0281) and this required the Developer to provide a pair of bus stops with infrastructure and traffic management within 1km of the development.
- 3.2 Enhancement of bus stops within the vicinity of the development in Bishops Tachbrook:
A planning application was submitted to Warwick District Council relating to a residential development on land off Seven Arce Close in Bishops Tachbrook. Planning permission was granted on 28 June 2016 (Planning Ref No. W/16/0279) and this required the Developer to enhance bus stops within the vicinity of the development.
- 3.3 Bus stop improvements at Rugby Road B4453 in Cubbington:
A planning application was submitted to Warwick District Council relating to a residential development on land off Rugby Road and Coventry Road in Cubbington. Planning permission was granted on 29 March 2019 (Planning Ref No. W/17/2371) and this required the Developer to enhance bus stops on Rugby Road in the vicinity of the development.
- 3.4 Improvement of bus stops along Damson Road in Hampton Magna:
A planning application was submitted to Warwick District Council relating to a residential development on land south of Lloyd Close in Hampton Magna. Planning permission was granted on 11 June 2018 (Planning Ref No. W/17/2387) and this required the Developer to enhance bus stops on Damson Road in the vicinity of the development.
- 3.5 Provision of two new bus stops near or at the site to improve access to public transport in Temple Herdewyke:
A planning application was submitted to Stratford-on-Avon District Council relating to a residential development on land off Falkland Place in Temple Herdewyke. Planning permission was granted on 20 July 2016 (Planning Ref No. 15/03833/OUT) and this required the Developer to provide a pair of new bus stops either within or in the vicinity of the development.
- 3.6 Provision of bus stops, bus shelters and/or crossing facilities on the B4100 near the Jaguar Land Rover/British Motor Museum site near Gaydon:
A planning application was submitted to Stratford-on-Avon District Council relating to a commercial development at the Jaguar Land Rover Gaydon Test Centre site. Planning permission was granted on 4 August 2016 and this required the Developer to provide bus stops, bus shelters and/or crossing facilities on the B4100 near the Jaguar Land Rover/British Motor Museum site. In accordance with the Section 106 Agreement, a Bus Stop Monitoring Exercise was undertaken by Jaguar Land Rover in consultation with County Council officers, which helped to identify the extent of works to be delivered prior to the Section 106 developer

funding being discharged to the County Council.

- 3.7 Engagement with relevant Warwickshire County Council Members:
County Council officers will liaise with the relevant WCC Members prior to commencing the design stage for this programme of Section 106 developer-funded bus stop works.

4. Financial implications

- 4.1 Delivery of the programme of on-street bus stop infrastructure provision and improvements will be fully funded by the respective Section 106 developer contributions discharged to the County Council, which have been received. The addition of these schemes to the Capital Programme will not affect the overall level of capital resources available to the County Council.

5. Environmental implications

- 5.1 The National Planning Policy Framework promotes connectivity and integration between new development and sustainable transport. The programme of Section 106 funded on-street bus stop infrastructure provision and improvements enhance the attractiveness of travelling by sustainable transport. This will contribute towards reducing the number of car trips on the local highway network and improving the environment.
- 5.2 The developer-funded programme of on-street bus stop infrastructure provision and improvements also supports the aspirations set out in the Warwickshire Bus Service Improvement Plan in terms of increasing bus patronage and further raising bus mode share. Continued modal shift would contribute towards improving the environment and supports the County Council and respective Borough and District Councils in achieving their climate and air quality targets and reducing carbon emissions.

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Lead Member	Cllr Wallace Redford Portfolio Holder for Transport and Planning

Urgent matter?	No
Confidential or exempt?	No
Is the decision contrary to the budget and policy framework?	No

List of background papers

NONE.

Members and officers consulted and informed

Portfolio Holder – Councillor Peter Butlin

Corporate Board – Mark Ryder

Legal – Ian Marriott

Finance – Virginia Rennie and Andrew Felton

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Councillors – Clarke, Watson, Holland, Roodhouse, Chilvers

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Cllr Chris Mills (Kineton & Red Horse)

Cllr Wallace Redford (Cubbington & Leek Wootton)

Portfolio Holder Decision – Funding for Bridleway and Bridge

Portfolio Holder	Portfolio Holder for Finance and Property
Date of decision	5th August 2022
	Signed 

Decision taken

The Portfolio Holder for Finance and Property gives approval to:

- 1) Fund the replacement of a bridge on Public Footpath R260 at Sawbridge at an estimated cost of £25000.
- 2) Fund the drainage improvements and associated work on Public Bridleway SS61 at an estimated cost of £45000.

Reasons for decisions

Warwickshire County Council has a duty under the Highways Act 1980 to maintain its public rights of way for use by the public. The footpath R260 of which the bridge forms part has a Temporary Traffic Regulation Order (TTRO) on it to prevent use by the public due to the danger presented by the condition of the bridge. The bridleway SS61 is closed to the public using a TTRO to prevent further damage to the surface. The replacement bridge and the surfacing are required to allow these two routes to be re-opened to the public. Complaints and queries have been received regularly from users of the routes, the Local Access Forum and from the Parish Council about the closures and the length of time for replacement and repair.

Background information

Approval is requested for the funding as follows:

- 1) The bridge on R260 has been the subject of a temporary closure notice for over three years because it is too dangerous for pedestrians to use. The size of the bridge is such that it cannot be replaced using the normal Rights of Way wooden bridge kits and therefore capital funding is required. The bridge dimensions mean that installation is not suitable to be done by volunteers, which is normal practice. A specialist contractor will be employed to carry out the work.
- 2) SS61 runs downhill along a sunken track (i.e. it is significantly lower than the land on either side). Water runs off the neighbouring fields and then straight down the bridleway washing away the surface making it difficult to use. At some point in the past a scheme was put in place to assist in draining the water away but this has not been satisfactory. A more substantial system is required for the long term. Drainage systems have been in place using plastic piping but has become damaged and failed. The proposal is to use a surface water chamber to store the

water coming off the field ditches and slowly release this into a substantial drainage system buried at a greater depth under the surface of the bridleway than the previous system. This will discharge the water at the bottom of the hill into an existing ditch which discharges into the highway drainage system. The proposal would be to secure the drainage for the long term thus ensuring the surfacing remains stable. The proposal is to restore the surface once the drainage is in place.

Financial implications

The money is being made available through income from a windfall payment received of £171000 for settlement of New Roads and Street Works Act fines imposed on a street works operator which constitutes revenue. The Portfolio Holder has the authority to approve additions to the Capital Programme up to a maximum value of £2,000,000 if they are funded from revenue. It is hoped that the bridleway work will preserve the bridleway in the long term and prevent regular expenditure to keep the surface in a just useable condition.

Environmental implications

The bridge requires replacement because the footpath is currently unusable. Complaints have been received about the lack of replacement. The bridge will be provided by an approved supplier and to a known standard. It will be fitted by suitably experienced and qualified contractors.

The bridleway requires work to prevent further surface erosion. The work will be carried out by suitably experienced and qualified contractors.

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Lead Member	Portfolio Holder for Finance and Property

Urgent matter?	No
Confidential or exempt?	No
Is the decision contrary to the budget and policy framework?	No

List of background papers

None

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