

Portfolio Holder Decision

Addition of Developer-funded Highway Schemes to the Capital Programme

Portfolio Holder	Deputy Leader (Finance and Property)
Date of decision	12 March 2021
	Signed

Decision taken

That the Deputy Leader (Finance and Property) gives approval to add the following schemes to the Capital Programme:

1. Construct two new bus stops on Orton Road near to the junction with Barn End Road in Warton. Approximate cost £9k.
2. Upgrading the existing bus stop infrastructure on Knights Lane (5 bus stops) in Tiddington. Approximate cost £19k.
3. Upgrading a bus stop in the vicinity of the new development to provide a bus shelter on Birmingham Road in Stratford-upon-Avon. Approximate cost £94k.
4. Improving or providing bus stops along bus routes in the vicinity of the development in Bishopton Lane in Stratford-upon-Avon. Approximate cost £17k.

1. Reasons for decisions

- 1.1 On 15 May 2018, the Council reconfirmed the delegated power to the Leader, or body nominated by them, 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. The Portfolio Holder for Finance and Property is that nominated body.

2. Background information

2.1 Construct two new bus stops on Orton Road near to the junction with Barn End Road in Warton:

A planning application was submitted to North Warwickshire Borough Council relating to land south of Warton Recreation Ground Orton Road/Barn End Road in Warton. Planning permission was granted on 30 October 2017 (Planning Ref No. PAP/2017/0551) and this requires the Developer to make a "Bus Stop Contribution" of £9k to be used to construct two new bus stops on Orton Road near the junction with Barn End Road.

2.2 Upgrading the existing bus stop infrastructure on Knights Lane (5 bus stops) in Tiddington:

A planning application was submitted to Stratford-on-Avon District Council relating to land off Oak Road in Tiddington. Planning permission was granted on 8 February 2016 (Planning Ref No. 15/02057/OUT) and this requires the Developer to make "Off-Site Highway Contributions" including the sum of £18k for the purpose of upgrading the existing bus stop infrastructure on Knights Lane (5 bus stops).

2.3 Upgrading an existing bus stop in the vicinity of the new development to provide a bus shelter on Birmingham Road in Stratford-upon-Avon:

A planning application was submitted to Stratford-on-Avon District Council relating to the development of land to the east of Birmingham Road in Stratford-upon-Avon. Planning permission was granted on 11 October 2016 (Planning Ref No.15/04458/OUT) and this requires the Developer to make a "Public Transport Contribution" of £85k for the purpose of upgrading a bus stop in the vicinity of the site to provide a bus shelter for passengers awaiting inbound services to the town centre and maintaining the shelter for a period of 5 years. Close liaison with WCC Design Services will be undertaken during implementation to ensure cohesion with the A3400 Birmingham Road Major Highway Scheme.

2.4 Improving or providing bus stops along bus routes in the vicinity of the development in Bishopton Lane in Stratford-upon-Avon:

A planning application as submitted to Stratford-on-Avon District Council relating to the development of land on the northwest side of Bishopton Lane in Stratford-upon-Avon. Planning permission was granted on 17 May 2017 (Planning Ref No. 15/04499/OUT) and this requires the Developer to "Bus Stop Contribution" of £17k for the purpose of improving or providing bus stops along the bus routes in the vicinity of the development.

2.5 Engagement with Relevant WCC Members:

County Council officers will liaise with the relevant WCC Members prior to planning delivery of the works, which will include a steer on whether to inform the relevant Town/Parish Council.

3. Financial implications

- 3.1 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.

4.0 Environmental implications

- 4.1 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 enhancements 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, in acknowledgement the County Council declared a Climate Emergency in July 2019.

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

Equality – Keira Rounsley

Democratic Services – Paul Williams

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