

**General Exception Procedure Notice Pursuant to Standing Order 17 and reg 10(1) and 10(3) of The Local Authorities (Executive Arrangement) (Meetings and Access to Information) (England) Regulations 2012**

**Directorate:**

Communities

**Confidential or Exempt [*please state category of exempt information*]**

Exempt

**Decision Taker: Member Body or Officer [*if officer please give name and title*]**

Cabinet

**Proposed Date for Decision/ Time Period**

27 January 2023

**Summary of Matter**

Bermuda Connectivity is a technically challenging project that is intended to open up a new route to the west of Nuneaton creating improved pedestrian, cycle and vehicle connectivity with the Bermuda Park rail station, new and existing industrial units and the wider transport network. The project has been developed, including design, planning permission and procurement, with the aim of providing benefit to the local community and contributing to improvements in traffic flow across Nuneaton.

The current total allocated funding for the Bermuda Connectivity Scheme is £10.759m following previous decisions at Cabinet and Council, which includes an allocation of £0.400m from the Bridge Maintenance budget.

The construction works started in April 2021 and were planned for completion in April 2022. At the point of contract award there were known risks to scheme delivery, such as the presence of the gas barrier and these had been identified and investigated during the scheme development and were costed in the allocated funding. However, during construction other significant unforeseen issues have impacted the project in terms of cost and programme. These include construction sector inflation, additional works required to meet Network Rail approvals not previously advised by Network Rail, and additional issues with Bermuda Bridge and other parts of the scheme that could not be identified until work commenced. Full detail of the additions is included in Section 4 of the exempt Cabinet Report.

As a result of the above additional funding is requested to complete the scheme.

Recent progress on the scheme delivery has improved significantly, as the issues are being resolved. The formal completion of the works is expected in October 2023, however many of the key features such as the bridge, and new pedestrian and cycle facilities will be open and operational in advance of this date.

As the scheme is technically challenging, the detail behind the issues that have arisen has not been static and has required considerable work to verify the costings and ensure mitigations are appropriately designed and factored into the overall scheme costs. It was therefore not possible to meet the deadline for the Forward Plan entry.

**Proposed Decision**

That Cabinet recommends that Council approves additional funding to the Bermuda Connectivity project to increase the existing budget in the Capital Programme

***If the proposed decision is made, would it be contrary to or not wholly in accordance with the policy framework or budget?***

No

**List of documents/reports provided**

Bermuda Connectivity Cabinet Report (exempt report)

**List of Background Papers**

None

**Is consultation proposed Yes/ No** *[if yes, say who and how]*

No

**Members of the public wishing to make comments on this matter should write to:**

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Comments should be made by

26 January 2023

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**Directorate Contact** *[please give name and number]*

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**To be completed by Member Services**

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