

# Portfolio Holder Decision

## A439 DFT Bid Stratford Upon Avon

<b>Portfolio Holder</b>	<b>Portfolio Holder for Finance and Property</b>
<b>Date of decision</b>	<b>08/09/2023</b>
	<b>Signed</b>

### 1. Decision taken

That the Portfolio Holder for Finance and Property approves the addition to the capital programme of a scheme at A439 in Stratford upon Avon to introduce measures aimed at reducing the number of personal injury collisions and accidents along the route (“the Scheme”), following a successful bid for £1.32m from the Department for Transport’s Safer Roads Fund, and authorises the Executive Director for Communities to procure the delivery of the Scheme and enter into any agreements necessary to enable delivery on terms and conditions acceptable to the Executive Director for Resources.

### 2. Reasons for decisions

2.1 The Scheme aims to reduce the number of Personal Injury Collisions (PICs) along the identified route (the A439 Stratford upon Avon from Ingon Lane towards town centre) as well as identifying engineering measures needed to improve the route to prevent future collisions.

### 3. Background information

Warwickshire County Council bid for a share of a £47.5m national investment set aside by the Department for Transport (the Safer Roads Fund) to prevent more than 750 fatal and serious injuries over the next 20 years.

The A439 in Stratford upon Avon was selected as a suitable route for funding alongside 27 other locations across the country.

The bid to the Safer Roads Fund included several proposed measures including improvements to junctions along the route, pedestrian crossing facilities, speed limit reduction coming into the town centre, signing and road marking renewal. A provisional cycle lane was also included to support and encourage active travel. The bid was successful and funding has now been received.

In order to undertake the works, the Scheme needs to be added to the Capital Programme. Given the value of the Scheme and the fact that it is fully funded from external grant, the Portfolio Holder is asked to approve the addition to the Capital

Programme and the commencement of steps to deliver the Scheme.

The Council will submit quarterly monitoring reports to the DfT to cover costs and implementation/delivery.

The Council's engineering and highways teams have worked closely on costing and programming the works and are confident that the Scheme can be delivered within the budgetary envelope of £1.32m received from the Safer Roads Fund.

The Local Member for the area of the Scheme was supportive of the bid and the proposals made.

A compliant procurement exercise will be undertaken to enable the Scheme to be delivered.

#### 4. Financial implications

4.1 The Scheme will be fully funded from the £1.32m received from the Safer Roads Fund and which has already been received.

#### 5. Environmental implications

5.1 Environmental implications were assessed as part of the bid and details are provided within the report at Appendix 1.

6.1 Equalities implications were assessed as part of the bid and details are provided within the report in Appendix 1. A copy of the Equality Impact Assessment for the Scheme is also appended at Appendix 3.

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

#### List of background papers

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Appendix 1 – DFT Bid

Appendix 2– Confirmation of award letter

Appendix 3- Equality Impact Assessment

### **Members and officers consulted and informed**

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