


Portfolio Holder Decision – Addition of Developer-funded Highway Schemes to the Capital Programme

Portfolio Holder	Deputy Leader (Finance and Property)
Date of decision	27 April 2020
	Signed 

Decision taken

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

1. Contribution towards a puffin crossing and improvements to existing bus stops including provision of bus shelters on Plough Hill Road in Nuneaton. Approximate cost £74k
2. Provision of a bus stop including a bus shelter in the vicinity of the roundabout on Waterloo Road in Bidford-on-Avon. Approximate cost £27k.

1.0 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.

2.0 Background information

- 2.1 Contribution towards a Puffin Crossing and Improvements to Existing Bus Stops in Nuneaton:
A planning application was submitted to Nuneaton and Bedworth Borough Council in relation to Land at the Former Reservoir on Mancetter Road in Nuneaton.

Planning permission was granted 17 August 2015 (Planning Application No. 033156) and this requires the Developer to make a “Highway Improvements Contribution” of £74k to the County Council upon first occupation of any dwelling. A puffin crossing and pair of bus stops have already been provided on Plough Hill Road as part of Section 278 Agreement highway works funded by the Developer. Therefore, the developer contribution is earmarked towards providing bus shelters at the bus stops to further improve the waiting environment and to create a Traffic Monitoring Site at the puffin crossing to survey flow.

2.2 Provision of a Bus Stop including Bus Shelter in Bidford-on-Avon:

A planning application was submitted to Stratford-on-Avon District Council relating to land at Waterloo Road in Bidford-on-Avon. Planning permission was granted on 26 June 2016 (Planning Application No. 14/03027/OUT) and this requires the Developer to make a “Bus Stop Contribution” of £27k for the provision of a bus stop/shelter in the vicinity of the roundabout on Waterloo Road.

3.0 Financial implications

3.1 The delivery of on-street bus stop infrastructure and a Traffic Monitoring Site in Nuneaton and Bidford-on-Avon will be fully funded by an applicable Section 106 developer contribution discharged to the County Council, which has 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 bus stops and puffin crossing enhance the attractiveness of travelling by sustainable transport. This will contribute towards reducing the number of car trips on the local highway network in accordance with the County Council’s aspiration to improve the local environment.

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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
<p>Portfolio Holder – Councillor Peter Butlin</p> <p>Corporate Board – Monica Fogarty and Mark Ryder</p> <p>Legal – Ian Marriott</p> <p>Finance – Virginia Rennie</p> <p>Equality – Keira Rounsley</p> <p>Democratic Services – Paul Williams</p> <p>Councillors –</p> <p>Local Member(s): Cllr Daniel Gissane (Galley Common) Cllr Mike Brain (Bidford & Welford)</p>