

TO: THE MONITORING OFFICER (TOM CLARK, SOLICITOR TO THE COUNCIL)

RECORD OF ACTION TAKEN BY A CABINET MEMBER UNDER DELEGATED POWERS

Inclusion Of Additional Walking And Cycling Improvement Scheme In The 2021/22 Capital Programme

Cabinet Member: Cllr Judy Llewellyn-Burke

Has the Cabinet Member received a report prior to taking the decision?

Yes

In the case of a key decision and where the Cabinet Member has received a report.

This is not a key decision.

Alternative options considered and rejected.

None – the proposal represents accelerated delivery of a walking and cycling scheme identified for improvement at St John’s Park, Burgess Hill, a MSDC asset, to support the delivery of the Burgess Hill Growth Programme.

Record of decision taken.

Authorise the inclusion of £63,000 in the 2021/22 Capital Programme to forward fund accelerated delivery of walking and cycling improvements.

Statement of reasons for making the decision.

Prompt delivery of the walking and cycling improvements will support the growth of Burgess Hill by providing infrastructure upfront and in a co-ordinated manner.

Forward funding of the improvements will see accelerated completion planned for winter 2022, some 24 months ahead of schedule and will improve the performance of

the walking and cycling network to the benefit of the community.

The proposed works would be forward funded from the MSDC Capital Programme. The cost of the works would be reimbursed in full to MSDC by Homes England on receipt of invoice. As such, there would be a net zero impact on the Capital Programme on completion of the works.

An agreement will be entered into between Homes England and MSDC to ensure that MSDC forward funding expenditure is reimbursed in full to MSDC by Homes England.

Date of decision:- 19 January 2021

Is the decision to be protected from call-in? (i.e.if any delay would seriously prejudice the Council's or the public's interest) - see Scrutiny Procedure Rule 14 (M)

N/A

Signed:.



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Cabinet Member

This record must be forwarded immediately to the Monitoring Officer (TC) and copied to the relevant Cabinet Member.

For Monitoring Officer

Date of publication of Member Information Services

19/1/21

Date of decision can be implemented (on the Thursday after publication of the Member Information Service unless already protected from call-in)

27/1/21

REPORT TO CABINET MEMBER FOR PLANNING

INCLUSION OF ADDITIONAL WALKING AND CYCLING IMPROVEMENT SCHEME IN 2021/22 CAPITAL PROGRAMME

REPORT OF Contact Officer	Divisional Leader for Planning and Economy Nathan Spilsted, Interim Regeneration and Economy Programme Manager, Planning Policy and Economic Development Email: nathan.spilsted@midsussex.gov.uk Tel: 01444 477455
Wards affected	
Key decision	No

Purpose of Report

1. To request the inclusion of £63,000 in the 2021/22 Capital Programme, to forward fund accelerated delivery of 'mobility corridor' walking and cycling improvements by MSDC at St John's Park, Burgess Hill to support the delivery of the Burgess Hill Growth Programme. The works are being delivered through the Place and Connectivity Programme, on behalf of Homes England, who will fully reimburse MSDC.

Recommendation

- 2. It is recommended that £63,000 is included in the 2021/22 Capital Programme, to forward fund accelerated delivery of walking and cycling improvements at St John's Park, Burgess Hill, to support the delivery of the Burgess Hill Growth Programme.**
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Background

3. To date, MSDC led projects have delivered over 10km of upgraded or new walking and cycling improvements in Burgess Hill. The improvements are being delivered through the Townwide Connectivity project, that sits within the Place and Connectivity Programme.
4. The Place and Connectivity Programme is a package of projects aimed at creating safe, direct and attractive walking and cycling routes and high-quality public spaces to encourage people to choose to walk, cycle and use public transport, and supports the delivery of the wider Burgess Hill Growth Programme.
5. It has been identified that there would be significant benefit in accelerating the delivery of 300m walking and cycling links at St John's Park, Burgess Hill, proposed as part of a package of off-site 'mobility corridor' improvements by the Northern Arc Development - secured as part of the Northern Arc Section 106 agreement (shown in red on the map in Appendix 1). This would see delivery some 24 months ahead of schedule.

6. Accelerated delivery of a mobility corridor improvement has already been achieved with the delivery of 540m of improvements at Fairfield Recreation Ground, Burgess Hill. This was completed in summer 2021, 24 months ahead of schedule, and has delivered a substantial improvement to the performance of the local walking and cycling network. Given the strategic location of St John's Park and the high volume of walking and cycling that the park already accommodates in an unimproved state, similar benefits would likely be achieved.
7. The MSDC led Townwide Connectivity project is procured through the SCAPE Civils Engineering Framework using contractors Balfour Beatty. This was authorised by Cabinet in July 2019.
8. The target cost of this package of works totals £63,000, and includes an appropriate risk allowance.
9. It is requested that £63,000 is allocated in the 2021/22 Capital Programme, to forward fund delivery of these improvements. These would be delivered early 2022 by MSDC, at the same time as the remaining elements of the Townwide Connectivity project, and procured via the SCAPE Framework. The improvements would initially be forward funded by MSDC, then reimbursed to MSDC by Homes England, on receipt of invoice.

Financial Implications

10. The proposed works would cost up to £63,000, forward funded from the MSDC Capital Programme. The cost of the works would be reimbursed in full to MSDC by Homes England on receipt of invoice. As such, there would be a net zero impact on the Capital Programme, on completion of the works.

Legal Implications

11. The project is considered to represent appropriate expenditure of MSDC capital to forward fund the accelerated delivery of walking and cycling improvements that will be reimbursed in full by Homes England.
12. An agreement will be entered into between Homes England and MSDC to ensure that MSDC forward funding expenditure is reimbursed in full to MSDC by Homes England.
13. It is proposed the decision be signed off by the Deputy Leader as the Cabinet Member responsible for the Burgess Hill Growth Area.

Appendix 1

Proposed accelerated mobility corridor works at St John's Park, Burgess Hill



Northern Arc Mobility Corridor 2, secured as part of the Northern Arc Section 106 agreement, proposed for acceleration as part of current package of Place and Connectivity works (shown in red)