

Nottingham City Council Delegated Decision



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Subject:	Derby Road transport improvements: ERDF Creative Quarter Approach
Total Value:	£800,000 (Type: Capital)
Decision Being Taken:	<p>This decision is for the approval of total expenditure of £800,000 and the final design of the scheme. The Medium Term Financial Plan approved by City Council in February 2014 approved an allocation for works on Derby Road as part of a programme of works for the ERDF Creative Quarter transport improvements. Following this approval, further works and consultations have been undertaken with businesses to confirm the proposals and the scheme costs.</p> <p>The proposed scheme increases the allocation for Derby Road and this will be met from within the overall programme approved total of £9.55 million (£8 million City Deal and £1.55 million ERDF)</p>
Reasons for the Decision(s)	To allow for full implementation of the scheme. The expenditure supports the Nottingham Economic Growth Plan ,with the City Deal being the catalyst for change through enabling the development of the Creative Quarter.
Briefing notes documents:	ERDF Derby Road Engagement Plan.pdf, ERDF Derby Road TRO Consultation Plan.pdf
Other Options Considered:	Doing nothing was previously considered. However, the City Deal is the catalyst for change and is enabling the development of the Nottingham Growth Plan's flagship project: the Creative Quarter, and its approaches.The Creative Quarter encompasses a wide range of economic stimulus packages to support the creation and growth of business, retention and maximisation of talent, property occupancy and consumer spend. Part of the stimulus is public realm improvements.
Background Papers:	

Published Works:	Nottingham Growth Plan
Affected Wards:	Arboretum, Radford and Park
Colleague / Councillor Interests:	None
Consultations:	<p>Date: 19/12/2014</p> <p>Ward Councillors: Mohammad Aslam, Jon Collins, Jane Urquhart, Merlita Bryan, Azad Choudhry, Liaqat Ali, Anne Peach</p> <p>Ward Councillors are currently being formally consulted on the proposed changes to the Traffic Regulation Order (TRO) on Derby Road. This letter was sent out in December 2014. The Portfolio Holder for Transport & Planning is also consulted along with the Chair of the Executive Board, Opposition Spokesperson and Chair of Area Committee.</p>
	<p>Date: 27/01/2015</p> <p>Minority Groups:Disability Involvement Group</p> <p>The scheme will be presented at the Disability Involvement Group on 27/1/15.</p> <p>An Equality Impact Assessment of the scheme has been completed and this has been shared with Anne Darby who is the Chair of the DIG meeting.</p>
	<p>Date: 10/11/2014</p> <p>Other:Derby Road Traders Association Meeting</p> <p>The Project Manager and Highway Engineer presented the scheme at the Derby Road Traders Association Meeting. The traders were supportive of the scheme.</p> <p>A further public meeting will take place at the end of January.</p>
	Those not consulted are not directly affected by the decision.
Crime and Disorder Implications:	Public realm improvements are mainly neutral in terms of crime and disorder implications. However, this scheme will provide better lighting, as the street lights are being renewed, Clearer sight lines, as the pavements are being widened and decluttered and slower traffic due to road space reallocation. This all aids towards fulfilling our obligations under Section 17 of the Crime and Disorder Act 1998.
Equality:	Please login to the system to view the EIA document: Equality Impact Assessment Form Derby Road Final.doc
Decision Type:	Portfolio Holder
Subject to Call In:	Yes

Call In Expiry date:

10/03/2015

Advice Sought:

Legal, Finance, Equality and Diversity

Legal Advice:

This recommendation appears to be within the remit of the selected Portfolio Holder, which includes highway design and maintenance.

Some elements of the proposed scheme also appear to fall within the terms of reference of the relevant Area Committee, which include highway environmental improvements of a local nature. The relevant Area Committee may therefore also need to be consulted.

The changes will also require individual authorisation by either Portfolio Holder/officer delegated powers depending on the nature of the changes, and will be subject to separate legal processes such as Traffic Regulation Orders which include notification, publication and consultation response periods.

Advice provided by Tamazin Wilson (Solicitor) on 19/02/2015.

Finance Advice:

This project was approved at the February 2013 Executive Board meeting, and included in the refreshed capital programme approved at the February 2014 Executive Board meeting.

This decision seeks approval to commence transport improvement works on Derby Road at a total scheme cost of £0.800m. The total cost is higher than that included in the refreshed capital programme report due to consultations and further works in relation to the scheme. This cost can be contained within the City Deal - Creative Quarter Programme totalling 9.550m. This will be resourced by £8.000m from the City Deal programme to be funded from prudential borrowing with repayments met from future business rate growth and £1.550m European Regional Development Fund grant.

Completion of works and expenditure must comply with the ERDF grant conditions to maximise grant drawdown and avoid clawback of funding.

The works will be delivered by the Council's in-house contractor Highways Services in Communities.

Advice provided by Maria Balchin (Finance Analyst) on 13/01/2015.

Equality and Diversity Advice:

The proposal offers opportunities for improvements to a key area of the city and for that reasons it is important that any changes enables all of the City's residents to benefit. This is particularly important for disabled citizens whose access to city and the local economy will be realised if, as has been noted in the EIA that disabled people will be part of consultation thus meeting the Public Sector Equality Duty. Advice provided by Adisa Djan (Equalities and Diversity Consultant) on 22/01/2015.

Signatures

Jane Urquhart (Portfolio Holder Planning and Transport)

SIGNED and Dated: 03/03/2015

David Bishop (Deputy CE, CD for Development and Growth)

SIGNED and Dated: 02/03/2015