

Nottingham City Council Delegated Decision



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Subject:	Release of funds from a Government grant to allow construction of highway improvements on Farnborough Road, Silverdale tramside path and the B679
Total Value:	£920,000 (Type: Capital)
Decision Being Taken:	To allow the early release of £920,000 (from the £8.4 million Transforming Cities Fund) to be spent on walking and cycling improvements (as specified in the bid to Government) on Farnborough Road Clifton, Silverdale tram side path improvements and the B679 between Wilford and Silverdale.
Reasons for the Decision(s)	<p>Funding has been made available from 2018/19 budgets with a recognition it will be spent in 2019/20. However there was a commitment in the funding bid to get schemes started on site and spend the funding as early as possible in 2019/20. Schemes were put forward by the Council on the basis they can achieve an early start.</p> <p>Construction resources are available to get the schemes on site. This minimises standing time for employed construction workers and will free up construction resources later in the year when they will be required for other highways works. This efficiency of resources will have a financial benefit for the Council and speed up delivery which was a determining factor in the funding bid.</p> <p>In starting early it will not jeopardise the wider funding bid or result in additional costs to the Council.</p>
Other Options Considered:	Start the scheme once full approval for the full £8.4 million is in place. This will take longer. The Council have made a commitment to the Department for Transport to start construction works as soon as possible which means there is a reputational risk if there is a delay. The Transforming Cities fund is available for further bids and the Council would not want to reduce the potential of receiving further funds. The Council has construction resources available and the ability to mobilise and make use of this, these resources will not be as freely available later in the year as the wider highway construction programme gets underway.
Background Papers:	None.

Published Works:	Transforming Cities Business Case and application Form: https://www.transportnottingham.com/policies/transforming-cities/
Affected Wards:	Clifton North, Clifton South
Colleague / Councillor Interests:	None.
Consultations:	Date: 18/03/2019 Ward Councillors: Roger Steel, Andrew Rule Email sent to Councillors to explain a funding bid has been made and we expect it to be successful on 12th March 2019 A second email was sent to confirm the success of the bid and that we are working to get construction underway at the start of April on 18th March 2019. All comments received have been positive.
	Those not consulted are not directly affected by the decision.
Crime and Disorder Implications:	The scheme improves walking and cycling alongside the highway network. Clifton has connections to the wider walking and cycling network but many of these paths are off road and unlit. These routes may be unattractive due to the perceived danger of crime after dark. By improving routes that are safe from traffic but on the road network it has the potential to provide greater opportunities for people to walk and cycle. The street lighting on these roads will be reviewed and placed to ensure the paths are well lit. New formal road crossing points for cyclists and pedestrians will be installed. This will reduce conflict and danger from traffic.
Equality:	Please login to the system to view the EIA document: Transforming Cities NottmDerby cycle EIA.docx
Social Value Considerations:	Highways works will be procured through the Council's DLO. Street lighting works will be procured through the Council's PFI contract.
Regard for NHS Constitution:	By using the funding to build walking and cycling improvements it will encourage and make it easier for more citizens to walk and cycle. By increasing walking and cycling levels it will have a positive impact on key health areas.
Decision Type:	Portfolio Holder
Subject to Call In:	Yes
Call In Expiry date:	14/05/2019

Advice Sought: Legal, Finance, Procurement, Equality and Diversity

Legal Advice: This report does not raise any significant legal issues provided any works are procured in accordance with the City Council's Financial Regulations or are delivered by the City Council's own highways resource. Advice provided by Andrew James (Team Leader Contracts and Commercial) on 23/04/2019.

Finance Advice: The capital programme will be amended following the approval of this decision.

The Head of Traffic and Transport is required to ensure that the £0.920m element of the Transforming Cities grant is secured and that all capital expenditure incurred by the Council is inline with the grant conditions.
Advice provided by Tom Straw (Senior Accountant - Capital Programmes) on 04/04/2019.

Equality and Diversity Advice: To ensure the Council meets its Public Sector Duty, it will be important that access issues in all its forms will need to be constantly considered throughout any implementation and running phase. Advice provided by Adisa Djan (Equalities and Diversity Consultant) on 26/04/2019.

Procurement Advice: As the decision seeks to release funding, there are no direct procurement implications. Any contracts awarded for the works will need to be procured in compliance with Contract Procedure Rules and, where applicable, the Public Contracts Regulations; the Procurement Team will be available to advise and support should this be required. Advice provided by Jonathan Whitmarsh (Lead Procurement Officer) on 03/04/2019.

Signatures

Dave Liversidge (Portfolio Holder for Transport and HR)
SIGNED and Dated: 03/05/2019
Chris Henning (Corporate Director for Development and Growth)
SIGNED and Dated: 01/05/2019