

Nottingham City Council Delegated Decision



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Subject:

National Cycle Route 6 improvement in Nottingham

Total Value:

£986,000 (Type: Capital)

Decision Being Taken:

- 1) To spend funding from the Department of Transport to improve a section of the national Cycle Network NCN6 in Nottingham. The funding is from the National Cycling Network improvement programme via Sustrans (£486,000) and the Transforming Cities Fund Tranche 1 (£500,000).
- 2) To amend the Capital Programme to reflect this spending.

Reasons for the Decision(s) For a number of years, cyclists have been able to use the footway alongside the Nottingham Ring Road to connect between residential areas, employment sites, two major hospitals, the University of Nottingham and other educational establishments. The paths were either shared with pedestrians or segregated by a white line. From 2015 onwards, a series of improvements have been made to the path for pedestrians and cyclists, in particular. These have been funded from a variety of sources, including the Department for Transport's (DfT) Local Transport Plan major scheme allocation, the D2N2 Local Enterprise Partnership, and the Department for the Environment, Food and Rural Affairs' early intervention air quality programme. The most significant and innovative change has been to give cyclists priority over motorists at more than 30 side road junctions. This has led to a 30%+ increase in cyclist usage of this route to over 500 a day. It is now designated the Nottingham orbital cycle route OR3.

Nottingham has recently been awarded £486,000 by the DfT from the Sustrans National Cycle Network improvement programme with funding that runs into 2020/21. The scheme will divert a section of NCN6 from its current route through the Aspley estate. This on-road route has a number of anti-motorbike barriers and, overall, is not fit for purpose under the new Sustrans National Cycle Network standards. The new route will follow the off-road Ring Road path between Crown Island and Church Street, then onto Church Street itself and Lincoln Street, re-joining the River Leen corridor and NCN6 route north of David Lane.

The Council was successful in bidding for National Cycle Network improvement programme funding and now needs to agree to accept it and deliver the proposed scheme. The bid was made on the basis that there would be additional monies for the scheme from the Transforming Cities Fund Tranche 2. It is now proposed to spend the Tranche 1 funding (already received by the Council) on this scheme. This has become available due to postponing spend on e-bike hire development in Nottingham and Derby to the Tranche 2 period (2020/21 to 2022/23).

Briefing notes documents: DfT NCN Funding Programme NCC app.docx, Portfolio Holder report Nov 19 NCN6 jb.docx

Other Options Considered: The scheme could be funded entirely from the Transforming Cities Funding, if Central Government give an allocation to Nottingham and Derby as expected in 2020. However, this would mean less money for other schemes in the City in 2020 -2023. For this reason, this option was rejected.

Background Papers: None

Published Works: None

Affected Wards: Basford, Leen Valley, Lenton and Wollaton East

Colleague / Councillor Interests: None

Consultations: Date: 11/11/2019
Ward Councillors: Sally Longford, Mohammed Saghir, Linda Woodings, Nick Raine, Audrey Dinnall, Pavlos Kotsonis, Salma Mumtaz
Councillor Woodings is fully supportive of the scheme, especially the Church Street section (16/10/19).

Date: 09/10/2019
Other: Greater Nottingham Cycle Development Group
The Group is fully supportive of the scheme, particularly as the current route of NCN6 runs on unsuitable roads and paths in the Aspley estate where there are barriers blocking easy movements by cyclists and people with mobility aids.

Those not consulted are not directly affected by the decision.

Crime and Disorder Implications:

None

Equality:

Please login to the system to view the EIA document: NCN6-Ring Road scheme Equality Impact Assessment.doc

Decision Type:

Portfolio Holder

Subject to Call In:

Yes

Call In Expiry date:

15/01/2020

Advice Sought:

Legal, Finance, Equality and Diversity

Legal Advice:

The Department for Transport grant funding is subject to terms and conditions and that the Council must comply with, failing which there is a risk of claw-back of part or all of the funding.
Advice provided by Sarah O'Bradaigh (senior solicitor) on 28/11/2019.

Finance Advice:

The Transport Capital Programme for Nottingham City Council currently has a project that earmarks £605,000 of Transforming Cities grant for the 'eBike Scheme'. As detailed in the body of this report, this decision will reallocate £500,000 to this project. The Transforming Cities allocation, along with the Sustrans grant of £486,000, will equate to a total capital budget of £986,000 for the National Cycle Route 6 project. The Head of Transport Strategy is required to ensure that all grant conditions are complied with to mitigate the risk of grant clawback.
Advice provided by Tom Straw (Senior Accountant - Capital Programmes) on 15/11/2019.

**Equality and Diversity
Advice:**

It is advised that the Disability Involvement Group (DIG) is consulted on this proposal. The draft Equality Impact Assessment (EIA) has been reviewed and has identified that the main impacts of this proposal will be on disabled people and, in particular, those with limited or restricted mobility and/or sensory impairments (blind, deaf, etc.). The DIG would be able to offer advice and suggestion on this proposal. I have noted that the DIG have been consulted and that it has been confirmed that any comments or concerns they raise will be taken account of in the project development. Please ensure that the EIA is updated accordingly to take account of any changes made due to the DIG's involvement.

Advice provided by Sally Edwards (Equality, Diversity & Inclusion Lead) on 05/12/2019.

Signatures

Adele Williams (Portfolio Holder for Adult Care & Local Transport)
SIGNED and Dated: 07/01/2020
Chris Henning (Corporate Director for Development and Growth)
SIGNED and Dated: 06/01/2020