Bath & North East Somerset Council

Decision Register Entry

Executive Forward Plan Reference

E2791

Single Member Cabinet Decision

Saw Close Improvement	
Decision maker/s	Cllr Clarke, Cabinet Member for Transport
The Issue	To agree to spend £100,000, provisionally approved in the Council's, budget for the development of a detailed design, including consultation as required, for the improvement to the highway adjoining the Saw Close redevelopment.
Decision Date	22 nd October 2015
The decision	The Cabinet Member agrees that the provisional budget be spend on the development of the design of the Saw Close improvement
Rationale for decision	The development of this design is timely in the light of the implementation of the Casino development and the completion of the Seven Dials improvement. Importantly it will allow further public engagement with stakeholders, particularly those with disabilities, to make sure that we develop a design which is acceptable to a broad range of interest.
Financial and budget implications	£100,000 was provisionally approved in the Council's budget in February 2015, funded by corporate borrowing. This approval would not commit the Council to any additional revenue expenditure from maintenance or management costs, nor would approval of the development works commit the Council to the larger project. However, there is a small revenue reversion risk in the case that a capital project does not go ahead. Funding for the larger project is anticipated to be available as various options for funding have been provisionally identified, including the use of Revolving Infrastructure Fund, developer contributions and existing budgets, although this will require finalisation dependent on costs.
Issues considered (these are covered in more detail in the report)	Sustainability;
Consultation undertaken	Other B&NES Services; Section 151 Finance Officer;
How consultation was carried out	Initial discussions on the principles of the improvement. The main consultation on the design of this area will be funded by this expenditure.
Other options considered	It is possible to leave the area in front of the new development as it is, but this would miss the opportunity to develop an important area of public realm which will become a focus for new visitors to the city.

Declaration of interest by Cabinet Member(s) for decision, including any dispensation granted:	None
Any conflict of interest declared by anyone who is consulted by a Member taking the decision:	None
Signatures of Decision Makers	
Date of Signature	5 Working days have elapsed following publication of the decision