

Single Member Cabinet Decision

**Executive  
Forward Plan  
Reference**

**E2687**

**MetroWest Phase 1 Update**

<b>Decision maker/s</b>	Cllr Paul Crossley, Leader of the Cabinet Cllr Caroline Roberts, Cabinet Member for Transportation
<b>The Issue</b>	To approve the release of £188k of capital from the Integrated Transport Block (ITB) grant to provide continued support for the Phase 1 MetroWest project
<b>Decision Date</b>	5 <sup>th</sup> January 2015
<b>The decision</b>	The Cabinet Members agree: (1) To APPROVE the £188k provisionally allocated in the 2014/15 capital programme for expenditure on the preparation of the Outline Business Case for MetroWest Phase 1; and (2) To DELEGATE authority to the Divisional Director of Environmental Services in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Transport to enter into a 'joint promotion agreement' with North Somerset, Bristol City and South Gloucestershire Councils for the purpose of facilitating joint working to deliver the MetroWest Project, within approved funding limits.
<b>Rationale for decision</b>	The Preliminary Business Case illustrates that the project has an excellent Benefit to Cost Ratio over a number of options and therefore has every likelihood of receiving funding. In addition the Business Case has been subject to an independent review in accordance with the West of England Local Transport Body Board Assurance Framework.
<b>Issues considered</b>	Social Inclusion; Customer Focus; Sustainability; Equality (age, race, disability, religion/belief, gender, sexual orientation); Health & Safety; Other Legal Considerations
<b>Other options considered</b>	The project has reviewed, with Network Rail, a number of detailed timetable options to optimise the use of rolling stock and provide a regular service across the conurbation. These are detailed in the Preliminary Business case.

<b>Signatures of Decision Makers</b>	Cllr Paul Crossley	Cllr Caroline Roberts
<b>Date of Signature</b>		

**Subject to Call-in until 5 Working days have elapsed following publication of the decision**