

## Bath & North East Somerset Council

DECISION MAKER:	Cllr Clarke, Cabinet Member for Transport Cllr Gerrish, Cabinet Member for Resources	
DECISION DATE:	On or after 25 <sup>th</sup> January 2016	EXECUTIVE FORWARD PLAN REFERENCE
		E 2834
TITLE:	Funding Approval for the Getting Around Bath Transport Strategy	
WARD:	Bath Wards and Bath Avon North	
<b>AN OPEN PUBLIC ITEM</b>		
<b>List of attachments to this report:</b> None		

### 1 THE ISSUE

- 1.1 Approval is sought to draw down a further £300,000 from the provisional capital budget to provide continued support for the study to improve access to Bath and remove through traffic from the city. The original budget was approved by the November 2014 Cabinet report on the Getting Around Bath Transport Strategy.

### 2 RECOMMENDATION

- 2.1 Approval to release a further £300,000 to support continued study work.

### 3 RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS (FINANCE, PROPERTY, PEOPLE)

- 3.1 The Council in February 2014 approved a provisional budget of £5.2m to develop a transport solution for the east of Bath.
- 3.2 Of this budget £500k was approved by Cabinet in November 2014. This has now been spent on works, including consultation.
- 3.3 This request seeks to approve a further £300k of the remaining £4.7m provisional budget to fund the progression of this important work, specifically following requests arising from the report taken to November Council.
- 3.4 Should a Park & Ride not ultimately be developed then this funding, along with the initial £500k, would be at risk of revenue reversion. However as this work will contribute to the business case for a new link road to the east of the city the revenue reversion risk may be not be 100% of the spend.

### 4 STATUTORY CONSIDERATIONS AND BASIS FOR PROPOSAL

4.1 Sustainability, planning. Further consideration will be given once projects identified by this work have been fully evaluated.

## 5 THE REPORT

5.1 Approval was given in November 2014 for work to develop options for a P&R east of the city. This work has also supported the review of options to remove through traffic from the city of Bath. This has included the development of a new transport model which will provide an analytic basis for the business case for both a new P&R and for the link road east of the city. This latter work is being taken forward with Wiltshire County and Highways England.

5.2 The project originally planned for the selection of a site during the summer of 2015, and this was referred to in the report last November. The extended public consultation undertaken in September and the Council resolution in November have extended this process beyond the expected programme and further resource is required to continue the project.

5.3 The funds released in this report will allow the project for the P&R to be taken forward to site selection, subject to the process agreed by Council at its meeting in November. At this point a full budget should be developed and offered for approval.

## 6 RATIONALE

6.1 Continuation of the work of this project is essential and will play a critical role in the development of the Getting Around Bath Transport Strategy and support the Council's Core Strategy

## 7 OTHER OPTIONS CONSIDERED

7.1 None.

## 8 CONSULTATION

8.1 Cabinet member, Monitoring Officer, Section 151 Officer and the Strategic Director Place have been consulted on this report.

## 9 RISK MANAGEMENT

9.1 A risk assessment related to the issue and recommendations has been undertaken, in compliance with the Council's decision making risk management guidance.

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<b>Background papers</b>	<i>Bath Transport Strategy – available on public website.</i>
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