

Bath & North East Somerset Council		
MEETING/ DECISION MAKER:	Cllr Mark Shelford, Cabinet Member for Transport & Highways Cllr Charles Gerrish, Cabinet Member for Finance & Efficiency	
MEETING/ DECISION DATE:	11 th October 2017 (for single Member decision)	EXECUTIVE FORWARD PLAN REFERENCE: E3013
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TITLE:	Public Realm Safety	
WARD:	All	
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1 THE ISSUE

Release of provisionally approved capital to support the planned public realm works and related activity to further enhance security.

2 RECOMMENDATION

The Cabinet Members are asked to;

- 2.1 Approve £200K of provisionally approved capital to be fully approved for this and related purposes subject to further delegated officer decisions to be carried out in consultation with the relevant cabinet member(s)
- 2.2 Note that up to £50K of revenue budget contingency may in addition be required to fund revenue project costs.

3 RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS (FINANCE, PROPERTY, PEOPLE)

- 3.1 A sum of £200K has been set aside in the capital programme. The costs of finance have already been taken into account in setting the budget.
- 3.2 Other revenue implications will as far as possible be avoided or met within the relevant service, but initial estimates suggest up to £50K of revenue budget contingency may be required to fund aspects of the initial project work.
- 3.3 This investment will complement separately funded investments by key partners.

4 STATUTORY CONSIDERATIONS AND BASIS FOR PROPOSAL

- 4.1 Under the Civil contingencies Act. Part 1 of the Act places a legal obligation upon emergency services and local authorities (defined as "Category 1 responders" under the Act) to assess the risk of, plan, and exercise for emergencies, as well as undertaking Business continuity Management.
- 4.2 Cat. 1 Responders are also responsible for warning and informing the public in relation to emergencies.
- 4.3 Finally, local authorities are required to provide business continuity advice to local businesses. It also places legal obligations for increased co-operation and information sharing between different emergency services and also to non-emergency services that might have a role in an emergency such as electric companies

5 THE REPORT

- 5.1 Further Council investment in city centre public realm security was identified as a priority as part of setting this year's 2017/18 budget. The capital programme approved in February by Council refers to this. The Councils key partners are already engaged and have complimentary initiatives.
- 5.2 The Council has a strong partnership with the police and emergency responders through its local control centre and also with event organisers, retailers and other local organisations. Regular training and exercises take place.
- 5.3 This report is considered urgent and for immediate implementation due to the inherent nature of the proposals.

6 RATIONALE

- 6.1 These recommendations are considered to be proportionate and appropriate.

7 OTHER OPTIONS CONSIDERED

- 7.1 A number of options were considered, those recommended are deemed to be proportionate and appropriate

8 CONSULTATION

- 8.1 We have consulted widely with partners and across Council Departments.

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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Background papers	<i>None</i>
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