

Single Member Cabinet Decision

**Executive
Forward Plan
Reference****E3250****Chew Valley Lake Recreational Trail**

Decision maker/s	Cllr Joanna Wright, Cabinet Member for Transport Cllr Neil Butters, Cabinet Member for Transport
The Issue	To confirm the proposal for the construction of approximately 2.75km shared use path around Chew Valley Lake.
Decision Date	Not before 24th Dec 2020
The decision	<p>The Cabinet Members agree that</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. The provisional Capital programme item for Chew Valley Recreational Trail is changed from £1,000,000 to £1,519,285. £60,000 for 2020/21 and £1,459,285 for 2021/22.2. The approval to the Director of Partnership and Corporate Services is delegated in consultation with the S151 Finance officer is to;<ol style="list-style-type: none">i) Enter funding agreement with WECA to fund investment in the Chew Valley Recreational Trail and demonstrate compliance with the pre-commencement funding project specific conditions of WECA & Rural Payments Agency funding.ii). Move provisional capital approved to full approval upon entry to Funding Agreements and commitment to proceed with expenditure.
Rationale for decision	The figure of £1,000,000 was included in the provisional Capital programme as a cost estimate for the project using the information available at the time. Since then the cost of this project has been evaluated in detail, funding bids have been awarded and the cost is now estimated at £1,519,285.
Financial and budget implications	<p>The total cost estimate for this project is £1,519,285 (£56,800 for design/fees and £1,462,485 for construction). A Rural Development Programme England (RDPE) grant of £506,685 has been secured to be spent and claimed by July 2021. West of England Combined Authority (WECA) has awarded £1,005,800.</p> <p>Feasibility and design works have been advanced to date within the Transport Improvement Plan with forecast cost of £60,000.</p> <p>Bristol Water have committed in principle to the future maintenance of the route including that part of the route on third party land. In addition, Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO) has been set up support management and maintenance of the route after construction.</p> <p>The highway works will be maintained by Bath and North East Somerset Council. This work will renew an existing asset.</p>
Issues considered	Social Inclusion; Customer Focus; Sustainability; Property; Young People; Equality (age, race, disability, religion/belief, gender, sexual orientation); Health & Safety; Other Legal Considerations

Consultation undertaken	Ward Councillor; Cabinet colleagues; Parish Council; Staff; Other B&NES Services; Service Users; Local Residents; Community Interest Groups; Stakeholders/Partners; Other Public Sector Bodies; Section 151 Finance Officer; Chief Executive; Monitoring Officer
How consultation was carried out	As part of this project Sustrans organised Community Consultation in June 2018 and produced a consultation summary report July 2018. Consultation has also been carried out as part of the planning process
Other options considered	Options for the route alignment were subject to detailed discussion with B&NES Highways, Natural England & local private land owners, to ensure along with projected costing for detailed design, construction & future maintenance the route will ensure protection of wildlife & habitat and be a route that will be attractive and safe for users, and respects the wildlife. No other viable options were identified.
Declaration of interest by Cabinet Member(s) for decision:	None
Any conflict of interest declared by anyone who is consulted by a Member taking the decision:	None

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