

Single Member Cabinet Decision

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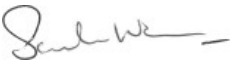
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Southlands Liveable Neighbourhood and Programme Financial Approvals

Decision maker/s	Cllr Sarah Warren, Cabinet Member for Climate and Sustainable Travel
The Issue	<p>Executive Forward Plan Reference E3394 delegated the decision to:</p> <p>a) agree the proposed shortlists to be taken forward to preliminary design and engagement; and</p> <p>b) following preliminary design and engagement and final design and consultation, implement the shortlisted interventions;</p> <p>to the Cabinet Member for Sustainable Transport and Directors of Place Management and Sustainable Communities, in consultation with cabinet and ward members.</p>
Decision Date	12th January 2023
The decision	<p>The Cabinet Member agrees to:</p> <p><i>Recommendations herein are split into sub-headings to clearly highlight those related to the Southlands, Weston Liveable Neighbourhood area, and those which are relevant to the Liveable Neighbourhoods Programme financial approvals.</i></p> <p>Southlands, Weston:</p> <p>In respect of the Southlands Liveable Neighbourhood area, the Cabinet member is asked to;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Make a decision to proceed with the shortlist of interventions set out in paragraphs 3.8 and 3.9, now taking them forward to preliminary design and engagement Printed on recycled paper• Note that the proposed shortlist is based on work done with communities to first identify their needs and then co-design potential solutions to address those needs, as summarised in Appendix A.• Note that the proposed shortlist was next subject to technical review, both in terms of alignment with the Liveable Neighbourhoods strategy and other factors such as cost, practicalities and timelines, as summarised in Appendix B.• Note that the proposed shortlist was then referenced back to the applications put forward by ward councillors in Spring 2021 to ensure that the package of interventions satisfied the aims of the original proposal.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Note the opportunity to ‘fast track’ shortlisted interventions where they are non contentious or already well supported, and either statutory consultation is not required due to the nature of the proposed intervention, or implementation could proceed as a trial under an experimental Traffic Regulation Order (ETRO) or be implemented under a 21-Day Notice (see also section 4). Note that the ability to proceed is subject to funding being available for the design, engagement, consultation and implementation work required as a result of this decision. <p>Liveable Neighbourhoods programme financial approvals</p> <p>In respect of the wider Liveable Neighbourhood programme financial approvals, the Cabinet Member is asked to;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Approve spend of £1.640M (£1.2M to be funded from the B&NES Liveable Neighbourhood (LN) Provisional Programme and a £440K grant from WECA funded from the programme’s CRSTS allocation) to deliver the Full Business Case (FBC) for the Liveable Neighbourhood programme. The FBC will include preliminary designs for the shortlisted interventions across the LN project, which have been identified following co-design with communities in the 15 areas (of which Southlands is one). Delegate approval to the Director of Sustainable Communities, in consultation with the s151 officer, to accept the £440K WECA grant when it is provided. Until then, to cashflow the costs incurred through approval of other allocations in the Council’s capital programme to be repaid as soon as the WECA grant is released, which is expected to be in early 2023.
<p>Rationale for decision</p>	<p>To enable the project to maintain its current timetable and deliver maximum benefit and value to the community as soon as possible.</p>
<p>Financial and budget implications</p>	<p>The funding allocated to implement the Liveable Neighbourhoods programme and associated Resident’s Parking Zone improvements comprises:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> £6m allocation secured through the City Region Sustainable Transport Settlement, of which WECA Grant is £5m and £1m is match funding from B&NES, meeting 20% requirement for local contribution. The £1m match funding to come from £2.2m supported borrowing allocation confirmed in the Council’s Capital Programme in February 2022 budget setting, along with other funding identified including Community Infrastructure Levy <p>£1.975M has been approved to date, with approximately £800K spent or committed to date for the LN co-design stage and pilot schemes and RPZ design and consultation.</p> <p>This report now seeks approval to spend the balance of the £1.2M from the Council’s Liveable Neighbourhood Provisional Programme and the £440K grant from WECA funded from the programme’s CRSTS allocation in order to deliver the Final Business Case (FBC) for</p>

	<p>the Liveable Neighbourhood programme. The FBC will include preliminary designs for the shortlisted interventions across the LN project, which have been identified following co-design with communities in the 15 areas (of which Southlands is one).</p> <p>As the £440K grant from WECA towards the FBC has not yet been approved through WECA Infrastructure Directors meetings, this report also seeks approval to cover this and repay later this financial year from allocations elsewhere in the capital programme :£170K from the Council's Strategic Transport Infrastructure CIL allocation and £220K from the Council's Project Initiation Fund, along with £50K currently held in contingency within the LN programme. The WECA grant is expected to be released in early 2023.</p> <p>The total funding allocated above is sufficient to complete the design of all the shortlisted interventions across the 15 areas in the LN programme and to deliver the three LN pilots and seven Resident's Parking Zones. Once the FBC is submitted and approved, a further £4.560m of CRSTS grant is available to deliver across the project. The FBC will also determine the extent to which costs incurred to date will be eligible as match funding. Printed on recycled paper</p> <p>5.6 the design cost of the Southland proposals in this report is up to £50K, within the approved budget.</p>
Issues considered	Social inclusion, sustainability and equality.
Consultation undertaken	Consultation has been undertaken with the Directors of Sustainable Communities and Place Management, together with cabinet and ward members plus Section 151 Finance Officer and the Monitoring Officer.
How consultation was carried out	Via email.
Other options considered	None
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

Name and Signature of Decision Maker/s	 Cllr Sarah Warren, Cabinet Member for Climate and Sustainable Travel
Date of Signature	12 January 2023
Subject to Call-in until 5 Working days have elapsed following publication of the decision	