

## Single Member Cabinet Decision

**Executive  
Forward Plan  
Reference****E3632****Bath Quays Construction - Acceptance of Grant Offer  
Letter for Construction**

<b>Decision maker/s</b>	Cllr Lucy Hodge, Cabinet Member for Sustainable Transport Delivery
<b>The Issue</b>	<p>The Bath Quays Links project forms part of the City Regional Sustainable Transport Settlement (CRSTS) Programme, a package of funding provided by the Department for Transport and administered by the West of England Mayoral Combined Authority.</p> <p>This project aims to provide a series of active travel improvements to be delivered by B&amp;NES in the 2022-2027 funding period.</p> <p>The Bath Quay's Links 'Final Business Case' was approved by the West of England Mayoral Combined Authority (MCA) Investment Fund committee on 18 July 2025, and B&amp;NES is now in a position to progress with the project.</p>
<b>Decision Date</b>	21st August 2025
<b>The decision</b>	<p>The Cabinet Member agrees that:</p> <p>B&amp;NES should accept the funding provided by the MCA, and approve the spend of £3.849m to be funded from</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>(1) £1.099.5m WECA Investment Funding,</li><li>(2) £1.859.5m CRSTS funding</li><li>(3) £415k WECA Early Works funding</li><li>(4) £475k BANES match funding.</li></ul> <p>Delegate approval to the Executive Director of Sustainable Communities, in consultation with the S151 officer, to accept the Grant Offer Letter (GOL) from the West of England Mayoral Combined Authority when it is received.</p>
<b>Rationale for decision</b>	<p>Objectives achieved as part of the project include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Deliver priority infrastructure in Bath City Centre for pedestrians, cyclists and other non-motorised users</li><li>• Improve safety within the city centre, particularly for vulnerable users, by enhancing accessibility and reducing the potential for conflict between walking, wheeling, cycling, public transport, and private vehicles</li><li>• Positively contribute to a reduction in transport-related emissions, and an improvement in air quality within the</li></ul>

	city centre, helping Bath to achieve net-zero carbon by 2030
<b>Financial and budget implications</b>	<p>Construction funding of £3.849m is to be allocated to the CRSTS BQL project. This comprises:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• £1.099.5 WECA Investment Funding</li> <li>• £1.859.5 CRSTS funding</li> <li>• £415k WECA Early Works funding</li> <li>• £475k BANES match funding - from developer contributions held by the Council</li> </ul> <p>£826k of funding already been spent to date for FBC works has been funded by £495k WECA Investment Funding and £370k WECA CRSTS grant.</p> <p>The grant funding identified for this stage of the project has been calculated with input from officers at the MCA and B&amp;NES. This figure will cover internal staff costs, consultancy support, construction costs, and contingency.</p> <p>These figures have been shared via a Project Initiation Document to be signed off by the council's Capital Strategy Group, including the Section 151 officer.</p> <p>This report now seeks approval to proceed with the capital project and accept the Grant Offer Letter, once received from WECA.</p>
<b>Issues considered</b>	Social Inclusion; Sustainability; Equality (age, race, disability, religion/belief, gender, sexual orientation)
<b>Consultation undertaken</b>	Ward Councillor; Cabinet colleagues; Local Residents; Community Interest Groups; Stakeholders/Partners; Other Public Sector Bodies; Section 151 Finance Officer; Chief Executive; Monitoring Officer
<b>How consultation was carried out</b>	<p>Consultation has been undertaken with both ward members at a project level, and with cabinet members, via Transport Members Board.</p> <p>Senior officers have been engaged throughout the process, via Bath Quays Links Project Board, Transport Steering Group, and Capital Strategy Group. This has included specific engagement with the S151 officer and the Executive Director of Sustainable Communities with regards to the recommendations in this report and the delegated authority sought within.</p> <p>A full public consultation exercise was undertaken in July-August 2022. This included in-person events and online materials, to gather views on the scheme. Over one thousand responses were received. 167 responses were received with 65% strongly agreeing with the concept of providing cycle lanes on the A367 Green Park Road. The MCA published the consultation report in full, please see here: <a href="https://www.westofengland-ca.gov.uk/wp-">https://www.westofengland-ca.gov.uk/wp-</a></p>

	<a href="content/uploads/2025/06/BNES-Walking-and-Cycle-Scheme-Consultation-Feedback-Report.1.1-008_Redacted.pdf">content/uploads/2025/06/BNES-Walking-and-Cycle-Scheme-Consultation-Feedback-Report.1.1-008_Redacted.pdf</a>  This Single Member Decision is shared with B&NES Cllr Lucy Hodge, Executive Director Sophie Broadfield, s151 Mike Wring, and Monitoring Officer Michael Hewitt
<b>Other options considered</b>	<p>The alternative option is to wait until a Grant Offer Letter is received in full from the MCA. This 12 week process, in addition to the call in period following the decision, will conclude in November 2025. Following this, a six week mobilisation period will be needed before works can start on site.</p> <p>This will delay the construction start date until January 2026, and would further impact traffic mitigation measures planned for all other schemes due to begin construction in early 2026.</p> <p>The final option is not to proceed. However, with allocated funding and a political commitment to deliver the scheme, it is agreed that this scheme should be progressed within the current timeframes outlined by the MCA for delivery.</p>
<b>Declaration of interest by Cabinet Member(s) for decision:</b>	none
<b>Any conflict of interest declared by anyone who is consulted by a Member taking the decision:</b>	

<b>Name and Signature of Decision Maker/s</b>	Councillor Lucy Hodge Cabinet Member for Sustainable Transport Delivery Bath and North East Somerset Council
<b>Date of Signature</b>	21 August 2025
<b>Subject to Call-in until 5 Working days have elapsed following publication of the decision</b>	