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DERBYSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

CABINET MEMBER DECISION – HIGHWAYS ASSETS AND TRANSPORT

11 January 2022

Report of the Executive Director - Place

Acceptance of funding from Derby City Council's Transforming Cities Project

1. Divisions Affected

1.1 Breaston, Long Eaton, Petersham, and Sawley.

2. Key Decision

2.1 This is a key decision because it is likely to result in the Council incurring expenditure which is significant in terms of its effect on communities living or working in an area comprising two or more electoral areas in the County.

3. Purpose

3.1 To seek the Cabinet Member's approval to accept funding from the Derby City Council Transforming Cities Fund to pay for upgrades to bus stop infrastructure and to include this work in the future capital infrastructure programme.

4. Information and Analysis

4.1 Derby City Council, working in partnership with Nottingham City Council, made a successful bid to the Government's Transforming Cities Fund programme in 2020. The two Councils were awarded a total of £161m to pay for a series of transport projects including cycle and pedestrian route improvements, new park and ride sites and upgrades

to bus related infrastructure to improve links within the two cities and between Derby and Nottingham.

- 4.2 Derby City Council recognised that many of the bus journeys into their area along the corridor to Nottingham operated in parts of Derbyshire. As a result, the Council has offered to provide funding to Derbyshire County Council to improve bus stop infrastructure on the Indigo route from Long Eaton to Borrowash.
- 4.3 Following a detailed inspection of the existing bus stops in this area, by the County Council Passenger Transport Team, a total of £426,400 in improvements works have been identified. These range from new shelters to access improvements at stops to make it easier for people to board and alight buses. Much of the bus stop infrastructure along this corridor is now approaching the end of its life so this funding would provide an ideal opportunity to upgrade it all in a coordinated manner.
- 4.4 Derby City Council has confirmed that it is willing to provide the £426,400 in additional capital funding to allow the County Council to carry out these improvement works. To access this funding, the County Council needs to sign a collaboration agreement with Derby and Nottingham City Councils and Nottinghamshire County Council, a copy of which is detailed in Appendix 2 of this report.
- 4.5 Provided the agreement is signed, it is anticipated that the physical works would be undertaken in 2022-23 and would, therefore, form part of the capital infrastructure programme for that year.

5. Consultation

- 5.1 Derby City Council has confirmed that it will support the programme of work proposed.

6. Alternative Options Considered

- 6.1 **Not to accept the funding** – To undertake a scheme of this size using the County Council's own internal passenger transport capital programme would normally take a number of years to complete because of the need to prioritise other demands on the limited funds available for passenger transport projects from elsewhere in the County. Using this external funding, rather than relying on the Council's own resources, means it will be able to complete this scheme more quickly and allow the Council's own funding to be allocated to other projects elsewhere in Derbyshire. Refusing to accept this funding is therefore not considered an appropriate option.

7. Implications

7.1 Appendix 1 sets out the relevant implications considered in the preparation of the report.

8. Background Papers

8.1 None identified.

9. Appendices

9.1 Appendix 1 - Implications.

9.2 Appendix 2 - Collaboration Agreement.

10. Recommendations

That the Cabinet Member:

- a) Agrees to accept the £426,400 in capital funding being offered by Derby City Council from the Transforming Cities Fund to upgrade the bus stop infrastructure along the route from Long Eaton to Borrowash.
- b) Agrees that the Collaboration Agreement with Derby City Council, Nottingham City Council and Nottinghamshire County Council be signed by an authorised signatory the Council to allow the funding to be released.
- c) Agrees to include the bus stop improvement scheme between Long Eaton and Borrowash in the 2022-23 capital programme.

11. Reason for Recommendations

11.1 The funding being offered by Derby City Council will allow a significant improvement in bus infrastructure on this corridor to be introduced.

12. Is it necessary to waive the call in period?

12.1 No.

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Implications

Financial

- 1.1 Derby City Council is offering to provide £426,400 in capital funding to allow improvements to be made to bus stop infrastructure along the route between Long Eaton and Borrowash. This funding comes from the successful Transforming Cities Fund bid which Derby City Council jointly submitted with Nottingham City Council. The scheme is fully funded from the Transforming Cities Fund.

Legal

- 2.1 The Collaboration Agreement sets out the terms under which the funding will be made available. This needs to be signed by an authorised signatory at the Council to allow the funding to be released.

Human Resources

- 3.1 The infrastructure work would be project managed by members of the existing Passenger Transport Team and would be delivered by the Councils Highway team and external suppliers for elements such as the provision and installation of new bus shelters.

Information Technology

- 4.1 There is no Information Technology related to this proposal.

Equalities Impact

- 5.1 Bus services are particularly important to a variety of disadvantaged groups including older residents, people with disabilities and those from economic deprived areas. Improving the quality of roadside infrastructure on this corridor would make it easier for a range of people to access bus services in this area.

Corporate objectives and priorities for change

- 6.1 This proposal will help deliver the following Council Plan priorities: Resilient, Healthy and Safe Communities; High Performing, Value for Money and Resident-Focused Services; A Prosperous and Green Derbyshire.

Other (for example, Health and Safety, Environmental Sustainability, Property and Asset Management, Risk Management and Safeguarding)

7.1 NA.