### HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

#### **Executive Decision Record**

Decision Maker:	Executive Lead Member for Transport and Environment Strategy
Date:	7 November 2022
Title:	Transforming Cities Fund – Portsmouth & Southampton: Update
Report From:	Director of Economy, Transport and Environment

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### 1. The decision:

- 1.1. That the Executive Lead Member for Transport and Environment Strategy notes the positive progress and key risks in delivering the Transforming Cities Programme across the Southampton and Portsmouth regions.
- 1.2. That the Executive Lead Member for Transport and Environment Strategy approves an adjustment to the capital programme 2022/23 reducing the allocation for Junction Road, Totton from £1,743,000 to £950,000, and approves the reassignment of the released funding across the portfolio of Southampton TCF projects to manage cost pressures and ensure that costs are contained within the overall funding envelope.
- 1.3. That the Executive Lead Member for Transport and Environment Strategy delegates authority to the Director of Economy, Transport and Environment, in consultation with the Executive Lead Member for Transport and Environment Strategy, to reassign funding released from Junction Road, Totton to individual schemes across the Southampton TCF scheme portfolio, and to enter into revised funding agreements as necessary, in consultation with the Head of Legal Services.

## 2. Reasons for the decision:

- 2.1. The decision will maintain momentum and support delivery of the Transforming Cities Fund programme across Southampton and Portsmouth which aims to improve productivity by investing in public and sustainable transport infrastructure in and around City Regions.
- 2.2. The schemes will provide improvements to cycleways, footways and road crossings to help more people to walk and cycle locally and further afield, as well as improving bus travel and connecting different types of transport.

2.3. The decision is being sought now to minimise risk and assist in achieving programme and funding requirements set out by the Department for Transport.

# 3. Other options considered and rejected:

3.1. That funding released from Junction Road, Totton is not reassigned across the portfolio of Southampton TCF projects. This approach would increase pressure on individual projects requiring a decision whether to (i) allocate alternative funding to ensure delivery of the scheme objectives; (ii) descope the project which may erode the objectives; (iii) delay; or (iv) cancel the project – this is not recommended as walking, cycling and public transport improvements will not be delivered (or will be diluted), thereby negatively impacting Hampshire residents and damaging the County Council's reputation with the Department for Transport, which may impact adversely on future funding awards.

### 4. Conflicts of interest:

- 4.1. Conflicts of interest declared by the decision-maker:
- 4.2. Conflicts of interest declared by other Executive Members consulted:
- 5. Dispensation granted by the Conduct Advisory Panel: none.
- 6. Reason(s) for the matter being dealt with if urgent: not applicable.
- 7. Statement from the Decision Maker:

Approved by:	Date:
	7 November 2022
Executive Member for Highways Operations* (on behalf of the Executive Lead Member for Transport and Environment Strategy Councillor Edward Heron	

<sup>\*</sup> In accordance with Part 3, Chapter 2, paragraph 2.2 of the County Council Constitution, the Leader of the Council delegated this decision for the Executive Lead Member for Transport and Environment Strategy to the Executive Member for Highways Operations