## HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

## **Executive Decision Record**

Decision Maker:	Executive Lead Member for Universal Services
Date:	10 July 2023
Title:	Project Appraisal Update: Southampton and South-West Hampshire Transforming Cities Fund Rushington Scheme
Report From:	Director of Universal Services

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## 1. The decision:

- 1.1. That the Executive Lead Member for Universal Services approves an increase in the 2021/22 capital programme value of the Southampton and South-West Hampshire Transforming Cities Fund (TCF) Rushington Scheme, from £1.929 million to £2.839 million to reflect an increased scheme scope, with the increase to be funded by the Transforming Cities Fund, Department for Transport Safer Roads Fund, Local Transport Plan and Casualty Reduction Fund.
- 1.2. That the Executive Lead Member for Universal Services approves the Updated Project Appraisal for Transforming Cities Fund Rushington Scheme, with an extended scope to deliver additional road safety improvements (as outlined in the supporting report).
- 1.3. That approval be given to procure, spend and enter necessary contractual arrangements, in consultation with the Head of Legal Services, to implement the proposed scheme to make bus, cycle and road safety improvements in Southampton in line with the revised budget.
- 1.4. That the Executive Lead Member for Universal Services delegates authority to the Director of Universal Services, in consultation with the Head of Legal Services, to progress any orders, notices or statutory procedures and secure any consents, licences, permissions, rights or easements necessary to enable implementation of this scheme.

## 2. Reasons for the decision:

2.1. Approval of the scheme will allow the continued delivery of measures to improve bus travel and walking and cycling opportunities in Southampton and the surrounding area, encouraging visitors and locals to opt for public transport and active travel methods and leave their cars at home when in the local area. 2.2. To seek approval for delivery of Rushington scheme at the revised cost as outlined in the supporting report, previously approved in the Executive Lead Member for Economy, Transport and Environment Decision Day on 27 January 2022.

# 3. Other options considered and rejected:

- 3.1. It was considered to **do nothing**, but this was rejected as the scheme will support active and public travel in the Southampton area by providing safer cycle routes and more efficient bus connectivity through the area for active and public travel users. Furthermore, not delivering would involve a significant reputational risk as the County Council has been awarded funding from the Department for Transport (DfT) to deliver the scheme.
- 3.2 Options to reduce costs have been explored and Value Analysis has been carried out throughout the project to determine opportunities to descope the scheme. Limited opportunities to do so have been identified that would not affect the scheme's ability to achieve its scheme objectives and deliver a continuous and improved cycle and bus route. An option to continue with the original scheme and not extend the scope to include additional road safety benefits exists. However, this was discounted as there is an opportunity to minimise disruption, achieve efficiencies and deliver these improvements more quickly by combining with the Transforming Cities Fund.
- 4. Conflicts of interest:
- 4.1. None.
- 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:
	10 July 2023
Executive Lead Member for Universal Services Councillor Nick Adams-King	