### COUNCIL MEETING, 2 NOVEMBER 2017

#### REPORT OF THE

# Executive Member for Environment and Transport

## 1. M27 JUNCTION 9 AND PARKWAY SOUTH ROUNDABOUT SCHEME, WHITELEY

- 1.1 On 19 September 2017 the Executive Member for Environment and Transport approved the Highways England preferred Scheme for the M27 Junction 9 and Parkway South Roundabout Improvements, along with the necessary enabling works.
- 1.2 This improvement scheme is going ahead subject to legal agreements following confirmation of £14.9m Government funding through Highways England, and represents a significant new service development with the County Council promoting, designing and managing delivery of an improvement scheme partly on the motorway network.
- 1.3 The scheme will resolve the severe traffic congestion currently experienced in the area, which is having a direct impact on the economy of the area and the creation of new homes. The work will involve carriageway widening at both Junction 9 off-slip roads, the westbound on-slip road and the Whiteley Way approach, together with additional lanes on the northern and southern sections of the circulatory carriageway.
- 1.4 It is anticipated that the main works will commence in the summer of 2019.

### 2. STRATEGIC TRANSPORT - HAMPSHIRE'S PRIORITIES

- 2.1 On 19 September 2017 the Executive Member for Environment and Transport approved progress design and development work for a raft of major schemes and strategies, as set out in the supporting report, to an appropriate state of readiness to take advantage of funding opportunities.
- 2.2 Current schemes in development include the Botley Bypass, Hamble Lane capacity improvements and Southampton Airport Economic Gateway. In addition, final design and scheme preparation such as land assembly is now underway in respect of Stubbington Bypass.
- 2.3 Such upfront effort in the planning of strategies and development of schemes has proved successful historically. The County Council has a strong track record in securing funding for transport schemes, as evidenced by the Department's capital programme for 2017/18 2019/20, which has a total value of £209.5 million (£100m of which is for Integrated Transport), of which some £146m (70%) comes from external sources.

2.4 This will support the County Council's strategic priority to maintain Hampshire's strong and sustainable economic growth and prosperity, and help ensure the Council is well positioned to secure external funding to help deliver the necessary transport infrastructure to address current and future growth pressures and improve access to employment and services, as well to strengthen the county's wider connectivity.

Further details on these items can be found at the following links:

- M27 Junction 9 and Parkway South Roundabout Scheme
- Strategic Transport Hampshire's Priorities

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