

(£15,000), subject to agreement of matched funding of equal contributions from other affected Local Authorities.

2. Reason for the decision:

2.1 The decisions are required to enable the evolving position of Waterside Rail to be more fully defined and conditions of support referenced to enable the County Council to move from a neutral position to a conditioned position of support, given the more positive ongoing business case work that is generating much interest from DfT and Network Rail. The decisions are further required to enable the addition of financial allocations to the Capital Programme for 2021/22 for both: Fawley Waterside East-West Connectivity Pedestrian and Cycle schemes; and also Phase 4 Redbridge Causeway Approaches Pedestrian and Cycle Improvements. Finally, the exceptional support for Ferry operations are an important aspect of the current transport arrangements and approval is required to extend the previous exceptional payment arrangements to cover the current lockdown period.

3. Other options considered and rejected:

- 3.1 To not update the County Council's position with regard to Waterside Rail would mean that there would be a degree of misalignment between the submitted Strategic Outline Business Case and the neutral position previously recommended.
- 3.2 To not seek to adjust the capital programme to include the Fawley Waterside East-West Connectivity Pedestrian and Cycle schemes; and Phase 4 Redbridge Causeway Approaches Pedestrian and Cycle Improvements, would mean that these schemes could not proceed in line with anticipated programmes defined by bid criteria.

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:

16 March 2021

**Chairman of Cabinet
Councillor Keith Mans**