

## HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

### Executive Decision Record

<b>Decision Maker:</b>	Executive Lead Member for Economy, Transport and Environment
<b>Date:</b>	10 March 2022
<b>Title:</b>	Project Appraisal: Portsmouth and South-East Hampshire - Transforming Cities Fund Schemes
<b>Report From:</b>	Director of Economy, Transport and Environment

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#### 1. **The decision:**

- 1.1 That the Executive Lead Member for Economy, Transport and Environment approves the Project Appraisal for Portsmouth Transforming Cities Fund (TCF) schemes – A27 Delme Roundabout to Downend Road Junction and Havant Park Road South, as outlined in the supporting report.
- 1.2 That approval is given to increase the capital programme value of Havant, Park Road South scheme, from £1.6 million to £1.728 million, with the increase to be funded from within the TCF programme.
- 1.3 That approval be given to procure, spend and enter into necessary contractual arrangements, in consultation with the Head of Legal Services, to implement the proposed improvements to the schemes outlined individually below, at a total cost of £11.66million:
  - a) A27 Delme Roundabout to Downend Rd Junction Improvements Fareham at a cost of £9,932,000 funded from the TCF and Department for Transport Safer Roads funding; and
  - b) Park Road South Havant at a cost of £1,728,000 to be funded from the TCF.
- 1.4 That authority to make the arrangements to implement the scheme, including minor variations to the design or contract, be delegated to the Director of Economy, Transport and Environment.
- 1.5 That the Executive Lead Member for Economy Transport and Environment delegates authority to the Director of Economy, Transport and Environment, 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 the Portsmouth and South-East Hampshire TCF Programme.

## 2. **Reasons for the decision:**

- 2.1 The decision will allow the spend of a proportion of the £57million secured from the Department for Transport's (DfT) TCF for the Portsmouth area. The bid provides for £19.6million investment in Hampshire, in the Boroughs of Fareham, Gosport and Havant. The funding will deliver a range of schemes aimed at improving journey times for bus passengers and providing enhanced facilities for pedestrians and cyclists. Within the TCF objectives there is also a focus on Local Access Zones (LAZ), which aim at improving access to town centres from local communities by enhancing public transport and cycling options.
- 2.2 The South-East Hampshire Rapid Transit (SEHRT) aims to transform the way people travel between Portsmouth and surrounding towns. By enhancing existing public transport services through new and improved bus priority routes, South-East Hampshire Rapid Transit will make travelling by bus a more attractive option. Utilising the 'Tranche 2' funding and match funding provided by each of the bidding authorities and their partners First Bus, Stagecoach, and the borough councils. It aims to develop a network of rapid transit routes to help get people to where they want to be by reliable and regular bus journeys which will connect with rail and ferry services – creating an integrated transport system. The funding supports 23 schemes across the city region which include improvements for walking and cycling and is an important next step for the three authorities towards developing a rapid transit network for the area. These proposals also support Hampshire County Council's draft Local Cycling and Walking Infrastructure Plan (LCWIP).
- 2.3 The Portsmouth and South-East Hampshire TCF Programme consists of the following schemes split between "major" (over £2million) and "named" (under £2million):
- Major
    - Gosport Interchange Improvements.
    - A27 Delme Roundabout to Downend Rd Junction Improvements, Fareham; and
    - Elmleigh Road Improvements, Havant.
  - Named
    - Park Road South, Havant.
    - Bedhampton Road, Bedhampton.
    - A27 Bus Enhancements, Portchester.
    - Leigh Park Bus Stop Improvements, Havant
    - Havant Walking & Cycling Improvements.
    - Ladybridge Bus improvements
- 2.4 The A27 Delme to Downend Road schemes aim to improve walking and cycling infrastructure along the A27 and both Delme and Park Road South schemes aim to advance sustainable travel in line with climate initiatives and local clean air zones in Fareham and Portsmouth. Additionally, improvements for both schemes aim to improve bus connectivity and journey

times by introducing a designated bus lane and bus priority onto the Delme roundabout and capacity enhancement from the bus layby at Havant Park Road South.

**3. Other options considered and rejected:**

3.1 The original TCF bid outlined 'Low, Medium and High' funding scenarios with scheme options based on the level of funding available. Funding was secured to deliver schemes which contained elements from the 'low' & 'medium' funding scenarios. Therefore, this report focuses on those schemes with other options discounted until further funding is available.

3.2. Within the Local Assurance Framework for the TCF, a strategic outline business case was provided, outlining all low, medium, and high priority schemes. A full business case for the schemes over £5million will be provided to the SERHT TCF steering group to outline the sifting process that secured the objectives and outline the current design elements being progressed against the original plans.

**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:**

I thank County Councillor Roger Price for attending and speaking at my Decision Day today.

**Approved by:**

**Date:**

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**10 March 2022**

**Executive Lead Member for Economy, Transport and Environment  
Councillor Rob Humby**