



<b>RECOMMENDATION TO APPROVE THE CONTRACT TO BE AWARDED TO SKANSKA TO DELIVER WIDENING OF THE A605 OUNDLE ROAD BETWEEN ALWALTON AND LYNCH WOOD BUSINESS PARK - KEY/11JUN18/03</b>
<b>COUNCILLOR PETER HILLER, CABINET MEMBER FOR STRATEGIC PLANNING AND COMMERCIAL STRATEGY AND INVESTMENTS</b>
<b>NOVEMBER 2019</b>
<b>Deadline date: November 2019</b>

Cabinet portfolio holder:	Councillor Peter Hiller, Cabinet Member for Strategic Planning and Commercial Strategy and Investments
Responsible Director:	Steve Cox, Executive Director Place & Economy
Is this a Key Decision?	YES If yes has it been included on the Forward Plan : Yes Unique Key decision Reference from Forward Plan : KEY/11JUN18/03
Is this decision eligible for call-in?	YES
Does this Public report have any annex that contains exempt information?	NO
Is this a project and if so has it been registered on Verto?	Yes

**RECOMMENDATIONS**

The Cabinet Member is recommended to:

1) Authorise the issue of the following work package to Skanska Construction UK Limited under the Council's existing Peterborough Highway Services Contract;

- Recommendation to approve the A605 Oundle Road improvements programme KEY/11JUN18/03. The total budget is £2.293m.
- Below is a breakdown of costs to date and future forecast .

Year	£
2017/18	67,795.62
2018/19	210,854.57
2019/20 Actual Apr19 to Oct19	92,535.30
2019/20 Forecast Nov19 to Mar20	1,121,814.13
2020/21 Budget	800,000.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>2,292,999.62</b>

## 1. SUMMARY OF MAIN ISSUES

- 1.1 This report seeks approval from the Cabinet Member for Strategic Planning and Commercial Strategy and Investments for the A605 Oundle Road Alwalton to Lynch Wood programme of Works.

## 2. PURPOSE OF THIS REPORT

- 2.1 This report is for the Cabinet Member for Strategic Planning and Commercial Strategy and Investments to consider exercising delegated authority under paragraph 3.4.3 of Part 3 of the constitution in accordance with the terms of their portfolio at paragraph (b).

## 3. TIMESCALE

Is this a Major Policy Item/Statutory Plan?	<b>NO</b>	If Yes, date for relevant Cabinet Meeting	<b>N/A</b>
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## 4. DETAILS OF DECISION REQUIRED

- 4.1 This section of the A605 experiences severe congestion in the morning peak with stationary traffic at times backing up onto the A1 which in addition to the journey time delay is a safety issue. This is primarily due to the number of vehicles accessing the Lynch Wood Business Park. The Council commissioned a feasibility assessment in 2016 and the preferred option was to widen the east bound carriageway to two lanes. The scheme has now been fully designed and includes a number of other improvements such as additional pedestrian and cycle crossings. During the design phase the Council consulted on this scheme, further information for which is detailed in section 5.
- 4.2 The Council has previously committed £773k of corporate funding in the MTF5 and has also been successful in securing £720k from the Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Combined Authority. The £773k was approved in a previous CMDN in 2017/18 and it was originally anticipated that this would be Department for Transport National Productivity Investment Funding but that grant was instead used on highway resurfacing works due to the deadline it needed to be spent by. This decision can be viewed here: <https://democracy.peterborough.gov.uk/ieDecisionDetails.aspx?ID=1306>
- 4.3 Upon completion of the detailed design the scheme has been costed and an additional £800k of budget is required to complete the scheme in addition to the £1.493m that has already been allocated and is described in 4.2. The total required budget to complete the scheme is £2.293m and the additional £800k is part of a funding proposal that will be going to the Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Combined Authority (CPCA) Transport Committee on 7 November and then their Board on 27 November. If funding is secured through the Combined Authority the Capital Budget will be increased in 2020/21. If the bid to the CPCA is not successful, the additional cost will be funded from the LTP which will involve the delay of some of the projects in the programme to accommodate this investment.

## 5. CONSULTATION

- 5.1 A public consultation was undertaken as part of this scheme and included the ward councillors, Parish Councils, residents and Lynch Wood businesses. A number of comments were submitted and the Council did make changes and additions to the scheme based on the feedback received. The main changes were additional walking and cycling

improvements (such as new crossings) but there was no change to the main element of the scheme; the additional eastbound lane.

## **6. ANTICIPATED OUTCOMES**

- 6.1 Approval is given to issue of the work package to Skanska Construction UK Limited under the Council's existing Peterborough Highway Services Contract. Construction of the scheme will lead to significant decongestion in the area and support the Lynch Wood Business Park.

## **7. REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS & ANY RELEVANT BACKGROUND INFORMATION**

- 7.1 The Council was contacted by a number of individuals and organisations expressing concern about the congestion along this route and the safety implications of having stationary traffic on the A1. A technical assessment was undertaken and an improvement scheme has been designed. The Council has the budget in place to complete this scheme and the scheme is in the Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Combined Authority's Interim Local Transport Plan and its emerging draft Local Transport Plan.

## **8. ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED**

- 8.1 Not to deliver a programme of works: This has been discounted because congestion will continue to exist along this route in the AM peak and it is having a negative effect on the Lynch Wood Business Park.
- 8.2 To deliver an alternative scheme. The additional eastbound lane was selected as the best option following the outcome of a technical feasibility study which modelled the traffic flows and assessed a number of alternative options. The public have been consulted and a number of their recommendations have been included in the final design.

## **9. IMPLICATIONS**

- 9.1 The Highways Act 1980 provides that the highway authority is under a duty to maintain the highway at public expense. This requires that the highway has to be maintained so that it is reasonably passable by the ordinary traffic of the area. Failure to identify a timely programme of works could result in a risk that the authority may not meet its legal duty to maintain the highway.
- 9.2 In addition the legal implications of not approving this programme of Works outlined in this document may mean that the Council cannot meet its strategic transport and highway priorities for Peterborough following a period of consultation with stakeholders and partners.
- 9.3 All works are within the highway so no land purchase is required. As the works are within the highway there is no need for any external permissions or compulsory purchase orders required in order for the scheme to progress. As the result of a road safety audit the Council will be creating an additional small access road which will result in the loss of a tree but the Council will be planting two more trees in close proximity to compensate this loss. This would constitute a breach of Trees and Woodland Strategy and these justifications will be presented to the public prior to work being undertaken. Noise assessments are being undertaken to establish whether any noise mitigation is required as a result of the scheme.

## **10. DECLARATIONS / CONFLICTS OF INTEREST & DISPENSATIONS GRANTED**

None

## 11. BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS

Used to prepare this report, in accordance with the Local Government (Access to Information) Act 1985) and The Local Authorities (Executive Arrangements) (Meetings and Access to Information) (England) Regulations 2012

- Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Combined Authority Interim Local Transport Plan  
<https://cambridgeshirepeterborough-ca.gov.uk/assets/Transport/Interim-Transport-Plan-170628.pdf>
- CMDN: Recommendation to approve the transport programme of capital works for the 2017/2018 financial year.  
<https://democracy.peterborough.gov.uk/ieDecisionDetails.aspx?ID=1306>
- Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Combined Authority emerging draft Local Transport Plan  
<https://cambridgeshirepeterborough-ca.gov.uk/about-us/programmes/transport/ltp/>