



<b>CONTRACT TO APPROVE THE A605 STANGROUND EAST JUNCTION IMPROVEMENTS SCHEME</b>
<b>COUNCILLOR PETER HILLER, CABINET MEMBER FOR STRATEGIC PLANNING AND COMMERCIAL STRATEGY AND INVESTMENTS</b>
<b>September 2019</b>
<b>Deadline date: October 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/25DEC17/03
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?	Once approved a programme will be created on Verto to monitor delivery of the work programme

**R E C O M M E N D A T I O N S**

The Cabinet Member is recommended to authorise the issue of a work package to undertake improvement works on the A605 Stanground east junction. The total value of the package will be £5m of which £2.8m has been awarded to the Council from the Department for Transport (DfT), via the Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Combined Authority, and £2.2m has been allocated as part of the Council's MTFs.

Spend to date is £428k, below is a breakdown of spend to date and future forecast:

Year		£
2017/18	Actual	41,314.57
2018/19	Actual	226,499.24
2019/20	Actual YTD	160,249.39
2019/20	Forecast	3,071,936.37
2020/21	Budget	1,500,000.00
<b>Total</b>		<b>4,999,999.57</b>

The following governance processes have been undertaken:

- Contract exemption report awarded to BT up to the value of £4119 signed off on 20 June 2018
- Contract exemption report awarded to Cadent up to the value of £22172 signed off on 26 March 2018
- Contract exemption report awarded to Vodafone up to the value of £4000 signed off on 20 June 2018
- Contract exemption report awarded to Virgin Media up to the value of £20,407 signed off on 20 June 2018

## 1. SUMMARY OF MAIN ISSUES

1.1 This report seeks approval from the Cabinet Member for Growth, Planning, Housing and Economic Development for:

- The A605 Stanground east junction improvement programme of works (the "Scheme")
- The award of a package of works to Skanska Construction UK Limited ("Skanska") under the Council's existing Peterborough Highway Services Contract and other organisations (subject to further governance approval) up to a value of £5m to undertake the Scheme.

## 2. PURPOSE OF THIS REPORT

2.1 This report is for the Cabinet Member for Growth, Planning, Housing and Economic Development 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>
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#### **4. DETAILS OF DECISION REQUIRED**

- 4.1 The A605/B1095 junction is an existing pinch point on the local road network. The traffic turning right from the A605 onto the B1095 causes significant delays and queuing, particularly in peak periods. This queuing impacts on the operation of a nearby junction to the west, and subsequently causes queuing/delays on its approaches. The scheme is driven by the imminent construction of a bridge to replace the existing A605 Kings Dyke railway level crossing and the regular flooding of the parallel North Bank route, both of which increase traffic flows along the A605.
- 4.2 The Council, via the Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Combined Authority, submitted a successful bid to the Department for Transport as part of the National Productivity Investment Fund. As a result £2.8m will be awarded to the Council from the DfT and £2.2m has been allocated as part of the Council's MTFs. DfT funding is paid to Transport Authorities so it will be awarded to the Combined Authority. At their Board Meeting on 28 March 2018, the Combined Authority agreed to pass the £2.8m DfT funding to the Council to deliver the scheme.
- 4.3 The Council intends to award a package of works to Skanska Construction UK Limited ("Skanska") under the Council's existing Peterborough Highway Services Contract and other organisations (subject to further governance approval). The design of the scheme is progressing and currently two options are being considered due to the complexities of the utilities close to the road. There is an on-road option that would require utilities work and a further payment to the utilities company (cost TBC). The alternative option is to construct a new section of road which would require the purchase of land and the Council is in early discussions with the landowner. Cost breakdowns for both options are currently unknown but will be confirmed once the design work has been completed. It is likely that funding will be awarded to Skanska and either the utility company or the landowner in order to be able to construct the scheme.

#### **5. CONSULTATION**

- 5.1 Thorough consultation was undertaken in order to appoint Skanska Construction UK Limited ("Skanska") as Peterborough's Highways partner, culminating in the signing of a Cabinet Member's Decision Notice in August 2013.
- 5.2 Appropriate level consultation will take place with all relevant stakeholders. This will take place alongside Skanska to ensure consultation details align with delivery programmes and final design details.

#### **6. ANTICIPATED OUTCOMES**

- 6.1 Delivery of the A605 Stanground east junction improvements will contribute to the transportation aims of both the Council and the Government by supporting the city's growth agenda; improving accessibility to key services, providing safer roads and reducing congestion, leading to an improved environment.

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

- 7.1 Improvements are required to the junction of the A605 Whittlesey Road with the B1095 Milk and Water Drove. This junction is located on the eastern edge of Peterborough close to the border with Cambridgeshire. The need for the improvements has come about due to the high volumes of traffic travelling eastward out of Peterborough in the PM Peak. Eastbound traffic turning right from the A605 onto the B1095 blocks traffic heading towards Whittlesey and beyond. This subsequently causes long queues on the B1092 through Stanground and also on the A605 Stanground Bypass. The improvements will be designed

to allow traffic to turn right without blocking the straight ahead movement. This will alleviate the congestion currently occurring.

- 7.2 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: Successful delivery of the proposed programme of works will provide significant benefits to the residents of Peterborough and the wider travelling public, resulting in improvements to; journey times, accessibility and the environment. These benefits will be lost if the programme is not delivered
- 8.2 Agree an alternative works programme: The A605 Stanground east junction improvement programme of works put forward has been assessed to ensure it meets the objectives and provides value for money.

## **9. LEGAL IMPLICATIONS**

- 9.1 The legal implications of not approving A605 Stanground east junction improvement 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.
- 9.2 Legal implications – The Council is placing further works packages under the existing Peterborough Highway Services Contract pursuant to its powers contained in the Highways Act 1980. The Peterborough Highway Services Contract was procured under the Competitive Dialogue Procedure (under regulation 18 of the Public Contracts Regulations 2006) and permits the Council to call-off further works which are within the scope of the contract.
- 9.3 There is an issue with one of the utility providers at this junction. Discussions are ongoing to resolve this but the Council is exploring another option to the east of this junction. That option would require the purchase of some farmland and the Council is in discussions with the land owner about this. Noise assessments are being undertaken to establish whether any noise mitigation is required as a result of the scheme. The Council will approach the discussions mindful of the range of legal powers it has at its disposal both in respect of land purchase agreements and compulsory purchase, and if required will revert to the committee for further approvals

## **10. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

- 10.1 Approving the recommendation will ensure that that the planned expenditure is consistent with the capital program of works via the performance measurement and efficiency mechanisms built into the Peterborough Highway Services Contract.

## **11. PROCUREMENT IMPLICATIONS**

- 11.1 There are no procurement implications.

## **12. EQUALITY IMPLICATIONS**

- 12.1 An Initial Equality Impact Assessment has been carried out and there are no detrimental effects associated with the Scheme. The completed equality impact assessment is in Appendix A

## **13. CARBON IMPACT**

13.1 The project as a whole will have a positive impact and will reduce carbon emissions by improving journey times and reducing congestion along the route and surrounding area. Although there are factors, such as additional street lighting, embodied energy in the materials which will have a negative impact, we will look to limit the impact of these through planting trees which will provide a long term benefit. Please see the carbon impact assessment form (Appendix B) for further details.

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

14.1 None.

#### **15. 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

- Combined Authority Board Meeting 28 March 2018 <http://cambridgeshirepeterborough-ca.gov.uk/meetings/combined-authority-board-28-march-2017/?date=2018-03-28>
- National Productivity Fund Submitted Application <https://www.peterborough.gov.uk/upload/www.peterborough.gov.uk/residents/transport-and-streets/A605Application.pdf?inline=true>
- Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Combined Authority's Interim Local Transport Plan <https://cambridgeshirepeterborough-ca.gov.uk/assets/Transport/Interim-Transport-Plan-170628.pdf>
- Cabridgeshire and Peterborough Combined Authority's draft local transport plan <https://cambridgeshirepeterborough-ca.gov.uk/assets/Transport/Draft-LTP.pdf>

#### **15. APPENDICES**

- Appendix A: Equality Impact Assessment
- Appendix B: Carbon Impact Assessment