Time began5.00pmTime ended5.16pm

Leader of the Council Cabinet Member Meeting 11 October 2013

Present: Councillor Bayliss

9/13 Apologies

There were none.

10/13 Late Items

There were no late items.

11/13 Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations.

12/13 Local Sustainable Transport Fund

The leader received a report of the Strategic Director of Neighbourhoods on Local Sustainable Transport Fund.

It was reported that the Department for Transports (DfT) Local Sustainable Transport Fund (LSTF) team had recently put out a call to local authorities for submission of funding applications for LSTF project extensions. It was further reported that the DfT LSTF team wanted to identify 'ready to go' schemes to which funding could be redirected in the case of a national LSTF programme-wide underspend. The Leader noted that DfT would assess the proposals submitted and in the case of a nationwide programme underspend becoming apparent would reallocate funding to schemes for delivery in 2014/15.

It was reported that whilst DfT had offered no guarantees that funding would become available before March 2015 they considered that developing pipeline proposals was good practice and had urged local authorities that were considering future LSTF delivery proposals for 15/16 to consider project extensions before March 2015.

It was further reported that the Council's LSTF team, in conjunction with officers within the Regeneration Projects service and Streetpride Traffic and Transport service had considered the potential opportunities and had explored the feasibility of adding and delivering a capital scheme to our existing 14/15 programme and was now seeking urgent approval to submit a capital bid through the current DfT application process.

The Leader noted that the proposal was to bid for £450,000 capital funding to deliver a junction improvement scheme at Wilmore Road / Victory Road / Merrill Way. It was reported that a similar scheme was originally proposed within the Council's application to the DfTs Cycle Safety Fund. It was further reported that this application was not successful at that time but officers believed that the scheme had considerable merit and ensured on-going development of the strategic cycle network, linking up key residential and regeneration employment zones, lies in the heart of the current LSTF bid area, and was a complementary extension to the schemes already being delivered through LSTF and other programmes, including T12 access road to Infinity Park.

Resolved:

- 1. to approve the submission of a £450,000 capital bid to the current DfT call for LSTF extension proposals; and
- 2. to approve the acceptance of the award if Derby's proposal is prioritised for funding reallocation by DfT and adding the proposed scheme to the 14/15 capital programme.

MINUTES END