



Connected Cycle City Proposed Cycle Route Improvements

SUMMARY

- 1.1 In January 2016 the Council submitted an initial bid for a share of £5.8m Local Growth Fund (LGF1) to the D2N2 Local Enterprise Partnership (LEP) to support sustainable transport.
- 1.2 Following discussions with D2N2, a full business case has been developed to support a joint application for funding from all four local transport authorities within the D2N2 LEP. Derby's share of the grant funding is £800,000. This funding supports improved cycle connectivity from the city centre to the Royal Derby Hospital and planned housing growth to the west. Approval is now sought to accept the funding and include in the capital programme.

RECOMMENDATION

- 2.1 To accept the D2N2 LEP Local Growth Funding grant of £800,000 subject to agreeable grant conditions.
- 2.2 To add the scheme totalling £1,003,000, including anticipated match funding, to the capital programme.
- 2.3 That the Strategic Director of Communities and Place be authorised, following consultation with the Cabinet Member for Cohesion and Integration and, as appropriate, the Director of Finance and Director of Governance to let contracts to deliver the proposed cycle network improvements.
- 2.4 To delegate approval to the Strategic Director of Communities and Place and the Director of Finance to agree the final grant conditions.

REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATION

- 3.1 To support the timely delivery of cycle network improvements.



SUPPORTING INFORMATION

- 4.1 On 14 January 2016 the Leader of the Council approved a bid to D2N2 for a share of LGF1 grant funding to support improved cycle connectivity from the city centre to Royal Derby Hospital, Kingsway development and new housing sites in Mickleover and Mackworth.
- 4.2 Following the initial bid further work has taken place with D2N2 and the four local transport authorities to develop the proposals. As a result Derby's project value has been confirmed as £1,442,000,000 made up of £800,000 LGF1 grant and £642,000 match. The match funding is made up from anticipated developer contributions of £203,000 and in kind network improvements valued at £439,000.
- 4.3 An economic appraisal of the wider project indicates significant health benefits and reduction in carbon emissions. The benefit to cost ratio of the project is estimated at 5.95 to 1 which compares well with other schemes of this nature.
- 4.4 The proposals will provide high quality cycle facilities. In most part this will include segregating cyclists from traffic, making use of quiet streets or constructing new cycle paths. Where appropriate new light controlled cycle crossings would be provided as part of junction improvements or where routes cross main roads.
- 4.5 Initial consultation regarding the strategy has taken place but further consultation will be undertaken with members, residents and interested parties regarding the detailed design and route options. The improvements aim to be to be completed by April 2019.

OTHER OPTIONS CONSIDERED

- 5.1 A further option is not to pursue cycle network improvements. This would, however, result in the loss of funding and would not support the Council's air quality, health and sustainable transport aspirations.

This report has been approved by the following officers:

Legal officer Financial officer Human Resources officer Estates/Property officer Service Director(s) Other(s)	Emily Feenan, Principal Lawyer Amanda Fletcher, Head of Finance David Gartside, Director of Strategic Partnerships, Planning and Transportation
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IMPLICATIONS

Financial and Value for Money

1.1 The total value of the project including match is £1.442 million. This is made up of £800,000 Local Growth Fund administered by D2N2 LEP and £642,000 anticipated match. The detailed funding composition is shown below.

1.2

Funding Source	Value (£)
Local Growth Fund	800,000
S106 developer contributions to be confirmed	203,000
Cycle infrastructure to be delivered by developer	439,000
Total	1,442,000

1.3 There remains a financial risk that the cash match funding will not be forthcoming as this is linked to a development agreement where the developer has not yet met their target for release of funding. In the case of this development, work is well advanced and it is anticipated that the target will be met shortly and prior to any works being undertaken by the Council.

1.4 As an alternative the Council is in receipt of other S106 funding which it is considered could be used as eligible match subject to further consultation with ward members.

Legal

2.1 The funding agreement between the Council and Derbyshire County Council, as accountable body, identifies the conditions of the grant funding. One condition limits the sale, transfer, lease or disposal of any project assets for 25 years without the consent of the accountable body or LEP.

2.2 There is a risk that this could limit future development but as the project assets are within the public realm there is limited scope to sell or dispose of these assets. Any future regeneration scheme with positive economic benefit is likely to be supported by the LEP.

Personnel

3.1 The project will require project design, supervision and coordination and this will be met within existing staff resources. Funding for these resources has been included within the bid.

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4.1 None directly arising from this report.

Equalities Impact

5.1 The proposals improve accessibility to services and jobs for all people.

Health and Safety

6.1 None directly arising from this report.

Environmental Sustainability

7.1 The project supports sustainable transport as an alternative to the use of motor vehicles.

Property and Asset Management

8.1 None directly arising from this report.

Risk Management and Safeguarding

9.1 None directly arising from this report.

Corporate objectives and priorities for change

10.1 The scheme supports 'A Different Council' Our Council Plan 2016-19 meeting the priority outcome:

Promoting health and well-being