

## EXECUTIVE MEMBER DECISION FORM

**DECISION TO BE TAKEN BY: CLLR PHIL DAVIES**

**KEY DECISION: YES**

**PORTFOLIO AREA: HIGHWAYS & TRANSPORT**

**PORTFOLIOS AFFECTED: HIGHWAYS & TRANSPORT**

**WARDS AFFECTED: SEACOMBE, BIRKENHEAD & TRANMERE,  
BIDSTON & ST JAMES**

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**SUBJECT: DOCKS BRIDGES REPLACEMENT – PROGRESS REPORT**

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### **1. RECOMMENDATIONS:**

It is recommended that the Leader of the Council:

- a) Notes the content of the report;
- b) Formally accepts the DfT Local Highway Maintenance Challenge Fund grant of £6,408,000;
- c) Agrees that the Wirral Docks Bridges Replacement major scheme may now be formally withdrawn from the LCR Growth Deal programme;
- d) Endorses the preferred scheme option to replace both 'A' and 'C' bridges as set out in the OAR and section 3.0 above;
- e) Notes the Council Capital Programme funding agreed by Budget Council on 10 February 2015 for the Docks Bridges Replacement and that up to £280,000 of Council capital will be utilised in developing the scheme in 2015/16;
- f) Notes that Peel Ports has agreed in principle to the replacement of the 'A' Bridge and that the terms of any future maintenance and operating agreement between Peel Ports and the Council have not yet been agreed;
- g) Notes that the question of state-aid has been evaluated, and that the delivery of the project is dependent on the outcomes of the advice sought from government departments.

## 2. REASONS FOR THE DECISION

The scheme can be developed to contract award stage and the DfT Challenge Fund grant can be drawn-down.

The identified Growth Deal funding can be re-allocated by the LCR LTB.

The Leader, as decision maker, is fully briefed on the scheme, progress and objectives and the key risks associated with successful delivery.

## 3. STATEMENT OF COMPLIANCE

*The recommendations are made further to legal advice from the Deputy Monitoring Officer and the Section 151 Officer has confirmed that they do not incur unlawful expenditure. They are also compliant with equality legislation and an equality analysis and impact assessment has been completed. The recommendations reflect the core principles of good governance set out in the Council's Code of Corporate Governance.*

## 4. DECLARATION OF INTEREST

There are no conflicts of interest.

<p><b>Signed:</b> </p> <p><b>Executive Member: Cllr Phil Davies</b></p> <p><b>Date: 13<sup>th</sup> October 2015</b></p> <p><b>Also present:</b></p>	<p><b>Signed:</b> </p> <p><b>Chief Officer: Kevin Adderley</b></p> <p><b>Date: 13.10.15</b></p>
<p><b>Date of Senior Policy Team Meeting(s):</b></p>	

### A list of background papers on this issue is held with:

Contact Officer: Simon Fox  
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