

EXECUTIVE MEMBER DECISION FORM

DECISION TO BE TAKEN BY: CLLR STUART WHITTINGHAM

KEY DECISION: NO

PORTFOLIO AREA: HIGHWAYS & TRANSPORT

PORTFOLIOS AFFECTED: HIGHWAYS AND TRANSPORT

WARDS AFFECTED: ROCK FERRY AND BROMBOROUGH WARDS

**SUBJECT: NEW CHESTER ROAD (ROCK FERRY ROUNDABOUT TO
NEW FERRY VILLAGE) - PEDESTRIAN AND CYCLE IMPROVEMENTS –
APPROVAL OF ADDITIONAL FUNDING**

1. RECOMMENDATION:

That reallocation of £150,000 Transport Plan for Growth Capital funding (unspent resources from 2018/19) to enable the award of Tender (subject to Contract) for the procurement of the New Chester Road Pedestrian and Cycle Improvements Scheme as shown on the attached drawing (Appendix 1) be approved.

2. REASONS FOR THE DECISION

Following the conclusion of a select list Tender process to procure the civil engineering works outlined in 3.0 below, the potential winning Tender bid submitted has resulted in a projected total scheme spend of £150,000 in excess of the current STEP grant funded allocation of £550,000.

Failure to carry out the proposed improvement works (with the subsequent loss of amenity to the local community) will risk the potential claw back of expended funds / committed funding by the Combined Authority for non-delivery as outlined in the funding agreement.

Failure to implement the delivery of the scheme could also result in a reputational loss of confidence in Wirral Council as a partner to deliver schemes and could jeopardise future funding opportunities at city region level.

3. STATEMENT OF COMPLIANCE

The recommendations are made further to legal advice from the 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.

Signed:  Executive Member: Cllr Stuart Whittingham Date: 29 March 2019 Also present:	Signed:  Chief Officer: Mark Smith Date: 29 March 2019
Date of Senior Policy Team Meeting(s):	

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

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