

MINUTE EXTRACT

ENVIRONMENT, CLIMATE EMERGENCY AND TRANSPORT COMMITTEE

20 OCTOBER 2022

28 BIRKENHEAD GATEWAY PROGRAMME

This report sought approval to accept grant funding of up to £1,582,500 from the Liverpool City Region Combined Authority to support the development of the Birkenhead Central Gateway Programme.

The report also notes the approved slippage of £1,092,129 from 2021/22 development funding grant award. The development funding will support key regeneration projects including Argyle Street, Dock Branch Park, Hind Street and Woodside.

Members were informed that the development of the transport projects would support the delivery of several key catalyst projects and neighbourhoods identified in Birkenhead 2040, the Levelling Up Fund (LUF) programme and the wider regeneration of the Left Bank. And that the development would ensure that the Council achieves development and delivery of transport and regeneration schemes within the Borough as part of a Liverpool City Region Combined Authority (LCRCA) wide programme of schemes and interventions.

The Committee asked if ward Members had been consulted and were assured that they would be aware of the project. Members also discussed Active Travel as a Government Policy, and noted that available funding should be spent wisely. Further discussion was had on public transport solutions such as a tram system and hydrogen buses to enhance the public realm.

Resolved – that the report be noted.