MINUTE EXTRACT

ECONOMY REGENERATION AND HOUSING COMMITTEE

19 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 queried the slippage and resource allocation and were informed that the slippage was caused by projects are still in development, but where the allocated funding had not gone through. In regard to resource queries, Members were informed that the combined authority had secured additional funding to use towards resource allocation.

Resolved – That the Policy and Resources Committee be recommended to approve the amendment to the Capital Programme so that the £2,674,629 grant funding allocated to Wirral Council by Liverpool City Region Combined Authority be allocated to the development of the Birkenhead Central Gateway Programme.