



Derby City Council

**URGENT LEADER OF THE COUNCIL  
CABINET MEMBER MEETING  
31 March 2016**

Report of the Strategic Director for Communities  
and Place

# ITEM 5

## **Submission of a bid to the Growth and Housing Fund to support the A52 scheme.**

### **SUMMARY**

- 1.1 This report seeks an urgent decision from the Council Leader to support a funding bid of up to £3,000,000 towards the A52 Wyvern Transport Improvements Scheme to be delivered 2016/17 to 2017/18. The bid is to the £100 million Growth and Housing Fund (GHF) administered by Highways England.
- 1.2 The report is urgent because the deadline for the bid submission is 31 March 2016.

### **RECOMMENDATIONS**

- 2.1 To approve the submission of a bid for up to £3,000,000 grant funding from Highways England Growth & Housing Fund.
- 2.2 To delegate approval to accept the funding, should the bid be successful, to the Strategic Director of Communities & Place.

### **REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATION**

- 3.1 The bid is for gap funding for the A52 Wyvern Transport Improvements Scheme - a package of measures to provide transport and economic benefits to the city. The scheme will improve access to Pride Park and Wyvern from the A52 and will provide improvements for longer journeys using the strategic road network.

### **REASON FOR URGENCY AND SUPPORTING INFORMATION**

- 4.1 The £100,000,000 GHF was established by the Government's Road Investment Strategy and provides support to road schemes affecting the Strategic Road Network that demonstrate delivery of jobs and homes and can be completed by 2021.
- 4.2 On the 3 March the Council was approached by the D2N2 Local Enterprise Partnership after a potential strategic fit was identified between the A52 scheme and the GHF.
- 4.3 The Scheme will improve access to Pride Park and the city centre by reducing congestion on the A52 and improving sustainable transport. Construction of the

Scheme will start in May 2017 for completion in September 2018.

4.4 The proposals will provide highway improvements that will benefit the strategic road network including:

- Localised widening of the A52
- Improved access into and from Wyvern and Pride Park
- New footbridge Meadow Lane
- Safety improvements.

4.5 The total project costs are estimated at £12,824,000. To date, funding of the early project development costs has been from the Council's capital budget. The ability to deliver the full £12,824,000 project is dependent on securing external funding. Currently we are looking to secure:

- £6,690,000 from the LEP's Local Growth Fund 1 programme
- Approximately £743,000 from other areas of the existing Highways & Transportation capital budget
- Developer contributions from sites including the Derby Triangle development

#### **OTHER OPTIONS CONSIDERED**

5.1 Not applying for this funding – without identifying additional funding the Scheme would be at risk.

**This report has been approved by the following officers:**

<b>Legal officer</b> <b>Financial officer</b> <b>Human Resources officer</b> <b>Estates/Property officer</b> <b>Service Director(s)</b> <b>Other(s)</b>	
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<b>IMPLICATIONS</b>
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**Financial and Value for Money**

- 1.1 The total value of the project is currently estimated at £12,824,000 and we are seeking up to £3,000,000 from the Growth Housing Fund administered by Highways England. Delivery of the overall project is dependent on securing further external funding and as such there is a risk it may not be possible to deliver the project even if the bid is successful.
- 1.2 A more detailed breakdown of the overall figures for each aspect of the project including closer scrutiny of the various partner contributions will be worked up at the full application stage if the expression of interest is successful.

**Legal**

- 2.1 None directly arising from the report.

**Personnel**

- 3.1 The project will need project design and coordination support. Funding for these resources has been included within the bid. If new posts are needed these will be recruited through the Council's normal HR processes and procedures.

**IT**

- 4.1 None directly arising from the 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 and provides facilities for walking, cycling and public transport journeys.

**Property and Asset Management**

- 8.1 None directly arising from this report.

## **Risk Management**

- 9.1 The project would be subject to the Council's risk and project management procedures.

## **Corporate objectives and priorities for change**

- 10.1 The project supports sustainable transport, health and economic growth.