

Time started 10.05 am
Time ended 10.15 am

Urgent Leader of the Council Cabinet Member Meeting

31 March 2016

Present: Councillor Banwait

Officers present: Tara McKenna (A52 Project Co-ordinator)

26/15 Apologies

There were no apologies.

27/15 Late Items

There were no late items.

28/15 Identification of urgent items to which call-in would not apply

The item under consideration (detailed at minute 30/15) was a key decision. It was confirmed that consent had been granted from the Chair of the Corporate Scrutiny and Governance Overview and Scrutiny Board for the matter to be exempted from call-in on the grounds of urgency.

29/15 Declarations of interest

There were none.

Key Decision

30/15 Submission of a bid to the Growth and Housing Fund to support the A52 scheme

In accordance with the Local Authorities (Executive Arrangements) (Meetings and Access to Information) (England) Regulations 2012, approval had been sought, and obtained, from the Chair of the Corporate Scrutiny Overview and Scrutiny Board for the 'Key Decision' to be considered despite 28 days' notice not having been given due to the urgency. It was reported that urgency had arisen because of a requirement to submit a bid for funding by the deadline of 31 March 2016.

A report of the Strategic Director of Communities and Place requested agreement 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. The Leader of the Council was informed that the proposed bid would seek to partially bridge the funding gap required for completion of the project.

Options considered

The only other option considered at this stage was not applying for this funding. Without identifying additional funding the scheme would be at risk.

Decisions

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

Reason

The submission of a funding bid was required to secure gap funding for the A52 Wyvern Transport Improvements Scheme which will deliver a package of measures to provide transport and economic benefits to the city. Delivery of the overall project is dependent on securing further external funding.

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