



Derby City Council

**URGENT LEADER OF THE COUNCIL
CABINET MEMBER MEETING**

14 January 2016

ITEM 5

Report of the Acting Strategic Director of
Communities and Place

**Cycle Network Improvements - Funding Bid for Transport Delivery
Excellence Funding from the D2N2 Local Enterprise Partnership**

SUMMARY

- 1.1 This report seeks an urgent decision from the Council Leader to support a funding bid for £1.539m towards cycle infrastructure improvements to be delivered in 2016/17. The bid is sponsored by the Department for Transport's Transport Delivery Excellence Fund and administered by the D2N2 Local Enterprise Partnership.

RECOMMENDATIONS

- 2.1 To approve the bid including, in principle, the match funding contribution, of £366,000 from developer contributions paid to the Council for sustainable transport improvements.

REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATION

- 3.1 The bid supports cycle network improvements from the city centre to the west of the city where there is significant proposed housing growth. The proposals support the objectives of the draft Local Plan and Transport Plan to provide sustainable transport choices for new and existing development.

REASON FOR URGENCY AND SUPPORTING INFORMATION

- 4.1 On the 17 December the Council was approached by the D2N2 Local Enterprise Partnership regarding cycling projects in the region which could be taken forward for delivery in 2016/17. The D2N2 LEP have asked Sustrans, the sustainable transport charity, to undertake work to help prioritise sustainable transport projects and help develop project business cases for priority projects.
- 4.2 This work is funded via the Transport Delivery Excellence Programme sponsored by the Department for Transport. The initial focus is on supporting projects coming forward to access the Local Growth Fund's allocation of £ 5.8 million for 2016/17. Sustrans has been asked to work with various stakeholders and delivery partners to unlock potential projects and help move existing projects forward.

- 4.3 Our bid is focussed on improving cycle links from the city centre to the west of Derby where there is significant proposed housing growth of over 6,000 new homes. This supports improved access to the Royal Derby Hospital, Kingsway development and new housing planned in Mackworth, Mickleover and Littleover. This meets the key aims of D2N2 in promoting housing and employment growth.
- 4.4 The proposals will provide high quality cycle facilities. In most part this will include segregating cyclists from traffic or making use of quiet or traffic calmed streets. New light controlled cycle crossings would be provided as part of any junction improvement or where routes cross main roads. If successful further consultation would take place with members, residents and interested parties as part of the detailed design.
- 4.5 The total project costs are estimated at £2.93m. This includes matched investment for cycle infrastructure secured through development of £1.025m and developer contributions of £366,000 provided to the Council for cycling improvements.
- 4.6 Once Sustrans have prioritised the bids these will be subject to a major scheme business case evaluation. Sustrans may be asked to complete this on behalf of a joint approach by the four transport authorities within D2N2. Following this funding would be released for delivery within the 2016/17 financial year.

OTHER OPTIONS CONSIDERED

- 5.1 Not applying for this funding, which would have been a missed opportunity in developing a project of this importance with the strategic fit it has with the Council's sustainable transport, health and economic growth aspirations.

This report has been approved by the following officers:

Legal officer Financial officer Human Resources officer Estates/Property officer Service Director(s) Other(s)	Amanda Fletcher Tim Clegg Greg Jennings
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IMPLICATIONS

Financial and Value for Money

- 1.1 The total value of the project, including match funding, is £2.93 million and we are seeking £1.539m from the Transport Delivery Excellence Programme administered by the D2N2 Local Enterprise Partnership
- 1.2 DCC could match fund £366,000 from developer contributions received to support sustainable transport. An additional £1.025million match funding has been identified from planned cycling improvements to be carried out by developers as part of their planning consent.
- 1.3 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.

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- 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 as an alternative to motor vehicles.

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.