

DERBYSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

**MEETING OF CABINET MEMBER – HIGHWAYS, TRANSPORT AND
INFRASTRUCTURE**

5 April 2018

Report of the Strategic Director – Economy, Transport and Environment

EAST MIDLANDS GATEWAYS CONNECTIVITY STUDY

(1) **Purpose of Report** To seek approval for a contribution of £100,000 towards the cost of the East Midlands Gateways Connectivity Study.

(2) **Information and Analysis** The HS2 Growth Strategy and Midlands Connect have identified a need to significantly improve connectivity in the Nottingham to Derby corridor, and to prepare for the proposed HS2 East Midlands Hub Station. Demonstrating the economic case for investment will be a key element in securing the resources needed to support the HS2 Growth Strategy and other development in this area.

The proposed study will combine and update existing transport computer models enabling proposals for new infrastructure and other measures to be assessed and developed. The model will also be available to local authorities and Highways England to assess other infrastructure schemes and major development proposals in the Derby-Nottingham corridor and adjacent areas.

The Study will be led by Nottingham City Council with support from specialist consultants. An Officer Group comprising representatives from the funding partners has been established to oversee the work.

The Study offers a number of potential benefits for Derbyshire, in particular, the Study should:

- help to ensure that the necessary infrastructure is in place to enable communities in Derbyshire to benefit from HS2;
- respond to problems of congestion in the area, particularly at peak times, in order to provide good accessibility and facilitate economic development;
- adopt an integrated multi-modal approach recognising the contributions that can be made by effective investment in bus, tram and rail services; road improvements; and local transport, including cycling and walking. In doing so, it will be important to ensure that due consideration is given to the needs of the 'shire' areas, as well as the major cities; and

- promote a co-ordinated approach by transport agencies including local highway authorities, Highways England and Network Rail to ensure the most effective use of the available resources.

The development of a multi-modal model covering a wide geographic area will require substantial resources and the aim is to complete the work by mid-2019. The Study will be co-ordinated with further design work being undertaken by HS2 Ltd leading up to the deposit of a Hybrid Bill in late 2019.

The cost of the Study is estimated to be £1.2m and it is intended that this should be funded by contributions of £500,000 from Midlands Connect, and £100,000 from each of Highways England, HS2 Strategic Board, HS2 Ltd (in kind), Derbyshire County Council, Nottinghamshire County Council, Derby City Council and Nottingham City Council.

Given the potential implications for Derbyshire and the need to be HS2 ready, it is recommended that a contribution of £100,000 should be made to this Study and that officer support should be provided to ensure the County Council's interests are protected and promoted.

(3) **Financial Considerations** The proposed County Council contribution of £100,000 to this £1.2m Study can be met from Economy, Transport and Environment Revenue budgets.

(4) **Transport Considerations** The detailed transport and connectivity implication of the proposal will be considered as part of the study.

Other Considerations

In preparing this report the relevance of the following factors has been considered: legal, human resources, equality and diversity, health, social value, prevention of crime and disorder, environmental, property and social value.

(5) **Key Decision** No.

(6) **Call-In** Is it required that call-in be waived in respect of the decisions proposed in the report? No.

(7) **Background Papers** Held on file within the Economy, Regeneration Service. Officer contact details – Steve Cannon, extension 38148.

(8) **OFFICER'S RECOMMENDATIONS** That the Cabinet Member approves a contribution of £100,000 to the East Midlands Gateways Connectivity Study.

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