

Agenda Item No. 6(g)

DERBYSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

CABINET

11 October 2018

Report of the Strategic Director – Economy, Transport and Environment

**SAFER ROADS FUND: A619 BAKEWELL TO BASLOW – ACCEPTANCE
OF GRANT FROM THE DEPARTMENT FOR TRANSPORT (HIGHWAYS,
TRANSPORT AND INFRASTRUCTURE)**

(1) **Purpose of Report** To seek approval by Cabinet to accept a grant of £1.180 million from the Department for Transport's (DfT) Safer Roads Fund to improve road safety on the A619 between Baslow and Bakewell, and to add the scheme to the 2018-19 Capital Programme.

(2) **Information and Analysis** In its 2016 Autumn Statement, Government announced the creation of a £175 million Safer Roads Fund to improve the safety of the 50 highest risk roads in England. Three of these roads are in Derbyshire:

A619 - Baslow to Bakewell (Thirteen Bends)
A5004 - Buxton to Whaley Bridge (Long Hill)
A5012 – Cromford to Newhaven (Via Gellia)

The County Council was required to work with DfT to develop outline scheme proposals that delivered safety improvements and then to submit these proposals as bids. In January 2017, Cabinet approved, in principle, to accept these grants and bids were submitted for all three roads.

In June 2018, the DfT approved the Council's three bids and outline schemes and, in August 2018, provided details of the funding arrangements.

For the A619, the Council has been awarded an unringfenced grant of £1.18 million under Section 31 of the Local Government Act 2003 for financial year 2018-19, although expenditure can occur in later years to suit a delivery programme.

Some improvement works proposed along the A619 – Baslow to Bakewell are:

- Junction improvements.

- Installing centre hatching/wide centre line, rumble strips, roadside barriers and bike guard.
- Providing two new roundabouts (A619/B6012 and A619/B6001).
- Removal of overhanging/self-set vegetation.

The grants for the other two schemes will be in financial year 2020-21 and are £3.079 million for the A5012 and £2.54 million for the A5004, although funding arrangements will not be announced until 2019.

Each of the schemes will make comprehensive improvements to the safety of each road using a range of methods to address identified risks to road users. Measures will include: junction changes, improvements to signing lining and surfacing, speed management.

Now the bid and outline proposal for the A619 scheme has been approved, officers are able to begin detailed design and procurement which may require use of existing frameworks, such as the Midlands Highway Alliance frameworks for consultancy and construction services, or that for Crown Commercial Services.

(3) **Financial Considerations** The total fund provided by DfT is £1.18 million. Any additional costs will be the Council's responsibility.

Other Considerations

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

(4) **Key Decision** No.

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

(6) **Background Papers** Held on file within the Economy, Transport and Environment Department. Officer contact details – Matt Pickard, extension 38657.

(7) **OFFICER'S RECOMMENDATIONS** That Cabinet:

7.1 Accepts the £1.180 million grant from the Department for Transport.

7.2 Approves the addition of the £1.180 million scheme to the 2018-19 Capital Programme.

- 7.3 Authorises the Strategic Director – Economy, Transport and Environment, following consultation with the Cabinet Member - Highways, Transport and Infrastructure, to access suitable procurement frameworks, to enable the design and construction of the scheme.

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