

DERBYSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

CABINET

26 July 2016

Report of the Strategic Director – Economy, Transport and Communities

**PREPARATION AND DEVELOPMENT OF FUTURE TRANSPORT
INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECTS (HIGHWAYS, TRANSPORT AND
INFRASTRUCTURE)**

- (1) **Purpose of Report** To seek Cabinet approval for the County Council to carry out the preparation and development of four transport infrastructure projects that are likely to receive future capital funding but require investment before this can be confirmed.
- (2) **Information and Analysis** At its meeting of 15 March 2016, Cabinet considered a report relating to the approval of the departmental Service Plans 2016-17 and associated budgets (Minute No. 85/16 refers). The Economy, Transport and Environment (now Economy, Transport and Communities (ETC)) Department's Service Plan 2016-17 included a £300,000 budget (Scheme 02-08-01) set aside for preparation and development of future transport infrastructure projects.

Cabinet will recall that a similar budget had been included within the Department's Service Plan 2015-16 for preparatory work on funded and 'pipeline' major projects. Cabinet has previously authorised preparatory work to be undertaken on the A61 Growth Corridor and Whittington Moor Roundabout, Woodville-Swadlincote Regeneration Route, Ashbourne Airfield and Peak Resort (Minute Nos. 129/15, 200/15, 434/15 and 61/16 refers respectively).

Cabinet is requested to approve the allocation of the associated 2016-17 budget to carry out preparatory work on four projects, as set out in Appendix 1. Each of these has been assessed against the Council Plan and objectives of the Derbyshire Local Transport Plan in order to ensure they comply with agreed priorities.

It is anticipated these schemes will ultimately form part of a future ETC Department Service Plan or be in readiness to draw upon external grant funding, but in order to do so will require preparatory work that includes technical surveys, engineering design, specialist advice, planning permission, and where appropriate, land assembly. Cabinet's attention is drawn to the fact that approval for the preparation and development of these schemes does not

commit the Council to proceeding with the schemes, and future Service Plans or reports will be brought to Cabinet in due course to consider their delivery.

The White Peak Loop: Bakewell to Rowsley section and Rosliston Road/Caldwell Road, Drakelow proposals may require land currently outside the control of the County Council and its partners. Approval is therefore requested for negotiations to be carried out over the acquisition of land, where appropriate.

(3) **Financial Considerations** The approved Economy, Transport and Environment Department Service Plan 2016-17 includes a budget of £300,000 (Scheme 02-08-01) for the preparation and development of future transport projects. Costs incurred in the preparation of projects listed in this report can be met from this budget.

(4) **Property Considerations** Further reports will be required as appropriate to approve land assembly or the undertaking of necessary agreements.

(5) **Social Value Considerations** The completion of preparatory work enables the development of local transport infrastructure projects in readiness to take opportunities for inward investment into Derbyshire. Local transport infrastructure measures will provide better connectivity and improve access to jobs and services. These measures will contribute to more healthy and active communities by reducing road casualties, improving air quality and increased access to opportunities for active lifestyles. The completion of a missing section of the White Peak Loop will support the development of a thriving tourism sector in the local economy; provide volunteering opportunities for local communities to assist with the ongoing upkeep and promotion of the route; and for local community group and school visits during construction.

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

(6) **Key Decision** No.

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

(8) **Background Papers** Held on file within the Economy, Transport and Communities Department. Officer contact details - Jim Seymour, extension 38557.

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

9.1 Authorises the preparation and development of the four transport infrastructure projects, as set out in Appendix 1.

- 9.2 Authorises negotiations to be carried out for the acquisition of land for the White Peak Loop: Bakewell to Rowsley section and Rosliston Road/ Caldwell Road, Drakelow proposals.
- 9.3 Notes that future Service Plans or reports will be brought to Cabinet to consider the delivery of these transport infrastructure projects; and the acquisition of land, where appropriate.

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Appendix 1 2016-17 Preparation of future transport infrastructure projects

Parish	Location	Preparatory works description	Electoral division	Cost estimate
Bakewell, Nether Haddon, Rowsley	White Peak Loop: Rowsley to Bakewell	To design the missing 2.5 mile section, including:- <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Consultancy support to complete technical surveys in Haddon Tunnel to produce designs for re-opening and mitigation measures for bats. - Specialist bat advice. - Ground investigation and design of three bridges. - Design the multi-user trail and secure planning approval. - Negotiations over land assembly. 	Bakewell; Derwent Valley	£255,000
Hartington Upper Quarter, Chelmorton	A515 Brierlow Bar	Study to consider the feasibility of options for a roundabout or traffic signals to reduce injury collisions. Design of optimal solution.	Buxton North & East; Dovedale	£15,000
Drakelow	Rosliston Road/ Caldwell Road	Design a staggered junction to replace existing crossroads to reduce injury collisions. Negotiations over land assembly.	Linton	£15,000
Brimington	A619 Church Street	Specialist advice and design to develop interventions to improve air quality in the declared Air Quality Management Area.	Brimington	£15,000
Total				£300,000