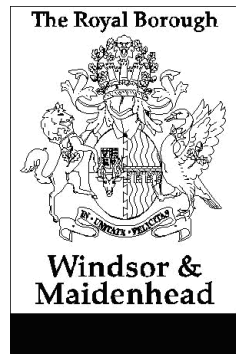


Report for: ACTION



Contains Confidential or Exempt Information	No
Title	Stafferton Way Link Road Budget
Responsible Officer(s)	Russell O'Keefe, Strategic Director of Corporate and Community Services
Contact officer, job title and phone number	Richard Bunn, Interim Head of Finance
Member reporting	Cllr Dudley, Lead Member for Finance
For Consideration By	Council
Date to be Considered	26 April 2016
Implementation Date if Not Called In	Immediately
Affected Wards	Oldfield and Bray

REPORT SUMMARY

1. This report provides Council with a brief summary of the Stafferton Way Link Road project and recommends that Council approves the addition of a £680k capital budget to the 2015-16 Operations and Customer Services capital programme as part of the financial mitigations for this project, subject to their approval by Cabinet on 28 April 2016.
2. Cabinet received a report on 31 March 2016 and resolved to:
 - (i) *Recognise the positive impact the new link road will have on residents of the Royal Borough*
 - (ii) *Agree the 2016-17 Operations and Customer Services capital programme be reviewed immediately and redistributions, reductions or postponements be put in place by the Lead Member for Finance and officers and recommended to April Cabinet as financial mitigations for up to the whole Stafferton Way Link Road overspend to ensure the whole scheme is fully funded*
 - (iii) *Approve a settlement figure with Balfour Beatty of £5.43m and approve agreed outstanding payment of £1.059m*
 - (iv) *The decisions be minuted in Part I*
3. The review of the Operations and Customer Services capital programme mentioned above has now taken place and findings will be reported to Cabinet on 28 April 2016.

If recommendations are adopted, how will residents benefit?	
Benefits to residents and reasons why they will benefit	Dates by which residents can expect to notice a difference
None – internal process	N/A

1. DETAILS OF RECOMMENDATIONS

RECOMMENDATION: That Council:

Approves the addition of £680k to the 2015/16 Operations and Customer Services capital programme subject to Cabinet approval of the financial mitigations report on 28 April 2016.

2. REASON FOR RECOMMENDATION(S) AND OPTIONS CONSIDERED

- 2.1. Stafferton Way link road was commissioned to complete the circular route around the town by linking the A308 and the A4 in Maidenhead and create an alternative route for through traffic, removing congestion at the railway station and through the town centre.
- 2.2. The link is intended to help to realise the benefits of the Maidenhead Town Centre Area Action Plan and act as a catalyst for the regeneration of the Stafferton Way and other Opportunity Areas, as well as addressing the severance to the station for residents and businesses located to the east of the town centre.
- 2.3. The detailed scheme comprised an eastwards extension of Stafferton Way including:
 - the erection of a new bridge over Moor Cut with associated works to the towpath and river;
 - formation of new junction between Stafferton Way, Forlease Road and Green Lane;
 - formation of a new roundabout junction between Stafferton Way, Oldfield Road (B3028) and Bray Road; and
 - associated landscaping
- 2.4. The scheme is now complete and was opened on 23 December 2015 and has fully delivered the required elements.
- 2.5. Cabinet considered a report on 31 March 2016 which identified a net overspend of £1.25m.
- 2.6. Cabinet resolved to '*...Agree the 2016-17 Operations and Customer Services capital programme be reviewed immediately and redistributions, reductions or postponements be put in place by the Lead Member for Finance and officers and recommended to April Cabinet as financial mitigations for up to the whole Stafferton Way Link Road overspend to ensure the whole scheme is fully funded...*'
- 2.7. A review has been carried out of the cost overruns and the Operations and Customer Services capital programme by the Lead Member for Finance; Strategic Director of Operations and Customer Service; Interim Head of Finance and the Head of Highways & Transport.

The following mitigations were identified and are recommended to Cabinet on 28 April 2016:

- A saving of £445k on the approved Operations and Customer Service 2015-16 capital programme is used to fund this project.
- To recommend that Council, on 26 April 2016, approves a budget increase to the approved Operations and Customer Services capital programme 2015-16 by £680k.
- To reallocate savings of £125k, achieved within the approved budget for the LED street lighting procurement to this project.

2.8. This report recommends that Council approves the additional budget under powers contained within the Finance Rules of the Constitution. The approval is recommended subject to the financial mitigations being approved by Cabinet on 28 April 2016.

OPTIONS CONSIDERED

Options	Comments
<p>Agree the mitigations which have been identified following consultation with the Lead Member for Finance; Strategic Director of Operations and Customer Service; Interim Head of Finance and Head of Highways & Transport.</p> <p>Approve the budget increase of £680k to the Operations and Customer Services capital programme 2015/16.</p> <p>This is the recommended option</p>	<p>Ensures that the increased costs are mitigated seeking to minimise the impact, and undue delays, in delivering other capital projects and services to residents, business and visitors.</p> <p>Responds to the Cabinet resolution of 31st March 2016</p>
<p>Consider and agree an alternative package of mitigations</p>	<p>The recommendations of this report reflect the outcomes of a thorough and robust review of potential mitigations.</p> <p>Alternatives are available but are not recommended</p>

3. KEY IMPLICATIONS

3.1. The key outcomes of this paper are set out below:

Defined Outcomes	Unmet	Met	Exceeded	Significantly Exceeded	Date they should be delivered by
Level of mitigation required for Stafferton Way Link Road	>£1.35m	£1.15m - £1.35m	<£1.15m	n/a	30 th July 2016

4. FINANCIAL DETAILS

Financial impact on the budget

4.1. The cost overrun of £1.25m is to funded as follows:

	2015/16	2016/17	2017/18
	Capital £'000	Capital £'000	Capital £'000
Recommended Addition to the Stafferton Way Link Rd budget	680		
Underspend on Operations and Customer Service capital budgets	445		
Reduction to the LED street lighting budget		125	

5. LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

5.1. There are no direct legal implications arising from the recommendations of this report.

6. VALUE FOR MONEY

6.1. It is important that major capital schemes are well managed, with robust governance structures, and that schemes are fully budgeted.

7. SUSTAINABILITY IMPACT APPRAISAL

7.1. N/A

8. RISK MANAGEMENT

Risks	Uncontrolled Risk	Controls	Controlled Risk
Mitigations are insufficient to fully fund this project	HIGH	A thorough and robust review of costs have been conducted and considered by Cabinet to increase certainty of the level of mitigation required	LOW

9. LINKS TO STRATEGIC OBJECTIVES

9.1. N/A

10. EQUALITIES, HUMAN RIGHTS AND COMMUNITY COHESION

10.1. N/A

11. STAFFING/WORKFORCE AND ACCOMMODATION IMPLICATIONS

11.1. N/A

12. PROPERTY AND ASSETS

12.1. N/A

13. ANY OTHER IMPLICATIONS

13.1. N/A

14. CONSULTATION

14.1. Consultation has taken place with;

- Highways, Transport & Environment Overview & Scrutiny Panel
- Strategic Leadership of the Council.

15. TIMETABLE FOR IMPLEMENTATION

Date	Details
26 April 2016	Report presented to Council
28 April 2016	Report presented to Cabinet
31 July 2016	Budget mitigations implemented

16. APPENDICES

16.1. None

17. BACKGROUND INFORMATION

- Cabinet report: Stafferton Way Link Road – (31 March 2016) – Part II
- Cabinet report: Stafferton Way Link Road – (28 April 2016)

18. CONSULTATION (MANDATORY)

Name of consultee	Post held and Department	Date sent	Date received	See comments in paragraph:
Internal				
Cllr Burbage	Leader of the Council	18/04/16	18/4/16	
Cllr Simon Dudley	Deputy Leader of the Council	18/04/16	18/04/16	
Cllr Colin Rayner	Lead Member for Highways and Transport	18/04/16		
Simon Fletcher	Strategic Director of Operations and Customer Service	13/04/16		
Russell O'Keefe	Strategic Director of Corporate and Community Services	13/04/16		

REPORT HISTORY

Decision type:	Urgency item?
Key Decision	No

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