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Report to: *Jack Scott*

Date of Decision: *August 2017*

Subject: Weedon Street pedestrian and cycle crossing

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Purpose of Report:

To outline the proposal and background of the scheme and alternative options.

To ask that this scheme (Appendix A) be approved by Cabinet Member

Recommendations:

- Approve and implement the scheme as shown in Appendix A, subject to any required re-confirmation of costs after detailed design (including any commuted sums).

Background Papers:

(Insert details of any background papers used in the compilation of the report.)

Lead Officer to complete:-		
1	I have consulted the relevant departments in respect of any relevant implications indicated on the Statutory and Council Policy Checklist, and comments have been incorporated / additional forms completed / EIA completed, where required.	Finance: <i>Gaynor Saxton</i>
		Legal: <i>Richard Cannon</i>
		Equalities: <i>Annemarie Johnstone</i>
<i>Legal, financial/commercial and equalities implications must be included within the report and the name of the officer consulted must be included above.</i>		
2	EMT member who approved submission:	<i>Laraine Manley</i>
3	Cabinet Member consulted:	<i>Councillor Jack Scott</i>
4	I confirm that all necessary approval has been obtained in respect of the implications indicated on the Statutory and Council Policy Checklist and that the report has been approved for submission to the Decision Maker by the EMT member indicated at 2. In addition, any additional forms have been completed and signed off as required at 1.	
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	Date: <i>17/10/2017</i>	

1. PROPOSAL

- 1.1 The proposal is to use STEP funding (2015 – 2018) from the Local Growth Fund to upgrade traffic signals at the junction of Brightside Lane, Weedon Street to create a controlled crossing.

The scheme will provide a safer crossing point from the Wincobank/Brightside areas to

- the city centre, via the 5 Weirs Walk,
- outbound towards Meadowhall, Parsons Cross, Chapeltown and the employment centres at junction 35 via the Blackburn Valley route (Blackburn Valley schemes in progress)
- Easterly towards AMID at Waverley via the Europa Link.

The new link will provide short (in distance) link to routes that provide safer, cost effective sustainable transport options from local areas (Wincobank, Brightside). The routes provide access to a wider field of employment as they link onto existing strategic routes that serve both Sheffield and Rotherham centres. The scheme provides improved walking and cycling access from all directions into the Lower Don Valley Growth area. Over 65,000 people work in this area (census data 2011).

2. HOW DOES THIS DECISION CONTRIBUTE ?

- 2.1 The Council has a corporate objective to increase active travel as part of its overall transport strategy in order to improve travel choice and tackle congestion. A further outcome of this will be to potentially help improve air quality.

A key element of the solution to achieve these aims is to design streets in line with practice from successful, healthy cycling nations, to ensure cycling and walking provides a safe, convenient and comfortable means of transport for as many journeys as possible, from door to door.

This will be supported by a network of principal cycle routes on which we aspire to achieve a greater level of comfort and convenience for cyclists. Weedon Street crossing contributes to this by forming a link between residential areas e.g. Brightside, Wincobank, Fir Vale –to the current strategic route namely the 5 weirs walk, a green route that runs between Sheffield city centre and Meadowhall.

The scheme is fully funded by the Dept. for Transport Sustainable transport Exemplar Project (STEP) which is aimed at improving the use of sustainable transport, including the provision of good quality cycle / walking routes.

3. HAS THERE BEEN ANY CONSULTATION?

- 3.1 There are no residences or businesses affected by this scheme.

4. RISK ANALYSIS AND IMPLICATIONS OF THE DECISION

4.1 Equality of Opportunity Implications

- 4.1.1 Overall there are no significant differential, positive or negative, equality impacts from implementing these individual scheme works. The work should be positive for everyone by improving safety and access around the local neighbourhood.

4.2 Financial and Commercial Implications

- 4.2.1 Capital: £235,500 has been allocated to implement the scheme from the 2015/18 STEP programme (BU 92903).

A Final Business Case with details of the works and costs to be carried out was presented and approved to Thriving Neighbourhoods and Communities Board in October 17.

Revenue: The commuted sum to cover future maintenance is estimated at £18, 275K. This is claimed from the LTP and then held in the revenue contribution account BU22183. It is paid to Amey at the end of the financial year to cover related maintenance expenditure over the next 25 years. However should any other implications arise, appropriate consultation and advice will be sought on the issues as required.

The project is funded by STEP 2015/18. The funding for this project has to be spent by 31st March 2018. To ensure that this scheme can be delivered within the timescales we have allowed a contingency for night-time working

The following timescales apply to this project:

- FBC approved October 2017
- Virgin Media works completed by 14th December 2017
- Commence construction in January 2018
- Construction currently expected to be six weeks

4.3 Legal Implications

4.3.1 The City Council, as Highway Authority for Sheffield, has powers under Part V of the Highways Act 1980 and the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 to implement the improvements requested in this report. The Council in exercising its functions under the Road Traffic Regulation Act (including provision of pedestrian crossings and waiting restriction), the Council is required under the Section 122 of the Act to (a) secure the expeditious, convenient and safe movement of traffic (including pedestrians) and (b) the provision of suitable and adequate parking facilities on and off the highway, and so far as practicable having regard to the matters listed below.

4.4 Other Implications

4.4.1 None known

5. **ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED**

(Outline any alternative options which were considered but rejected in the course of developing the proposal.)

5.1 The only other option considered was a bridge at this junction. This was rejected in early feasibility due to the prohibitive costs.

6. **REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS**

- 6.1
- The Council has a corporate objective to increase active travel as part of its overall transport strategy in order to improve travel choice and tackle congestion.
 - The scheme provides a safer crossing point from the Wincobank/Brightside/Fir Vale areas to the city centre via the 5 Weirs Walk, outbound towards Meadowhall, Parsons Cross, Chapeltown and the employment centres at junction 35 via the Blackburn Valley route (Blackburn Valley schemes in progress) Easterly towards AMID at Waverley via the Europa Link
 - The crossing point will benefit both cyclists and pedestrians.
 - This scheme forms part of plans for a much wider ambition for cycling.
 - Contribution to improved air quality in the area