

OFFICER DECISION RECORD

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Decision Title: Midsomer Norton & Westfield Walking, Wheeling and Cycling Links Funding Application

Decision reference number: 01.10.23

Decision date: 03/10/2023

Background / reason for decision:

The Department for Transport awarded £540m CRSTS to the West of England. The programme was approved at October 2023 Committee and included in its scope £1.44m for delivery of this scheme. To support timely decision making and delivery, Business Case approvals for projects of a value below £6m in this programme were delegated by the Combined Authority Committee to the Combined Authority Director of Infrastructure in consultation with the Directors of Infrastructure of the constituent Councils in July 2022.

A Feasibility and Development Funding Application has been produced by Bath and North East Somerset Council to draw down development funding for a Full Business Case. It sought delegated approval for the award of £144,000 capital funding from CRSTS.

Options considered:

Option 1 – To award funding as recommended.

Option 2 – Not to proceed with awarding the funding at this stage. Not recommended as this would risk not delivering the changes and benefits for residents in line with the grant funding commitments.

Decision: To approve Feasibility and Development Funding Application and the award of £144,000 from CTSTS capital to Bath and North East Somerset Council for the Midsomer Norton & Westfield Walking, Wheeling and Cycling Links project to complete a Full Business Cases by July 2024.

Consultation: Consultation has taken place between officers at the Combined Authority and Bath and North East Somerset Council, and with the constituent Councils via the Directors of Infrastructure. Public Consultation on the project will be undertaken as part of the Full Business Case process.

Officer making decision: David Gibson

Position: Strategic Director of Infrastructure

Report / appendices / background documents: Funding Application