

OFFICER DECISION RECORD

Decision Title: City Regions Programme - Bath and North-East Somerset Liveable Neighbourhood project

Decision reference number: INF_2023_0001

Decision date: 13/10/23

Background / reason for decision:

The Department for Transport has awarded £540m to the West of England Combined Authority as part of the City Regional Sustainable Transport Settlement (CRSTS). To support timely decision making and delivery, change requests for drawdowns within budget for projects up to the value of £1m within the agreed project allocation, 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 October 2023.

Following engagement with Cabinet Members in the Bath and North East Somerset Council, the project has requested a drawdown of £736k to enable the project to bring forward the delivery of 5 interventions identified through the co-design process with residents and communities, which will be delivered using Experimental Traffic Regulation Orders (ETROs). This will enable our residents to experience and comment on the changes they identified as being important for their communities.

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 being able to test interventions and deliver the changes and benefits for residents in line with the grant funding commitments.

Decision: To approve the change request and the award of £736k from CRSTS capital to Bath and North East Somerset Council for the Bath and North East Somerset Liveable Neighbourhood project.

Consultation: Consultation has taken place between officers at the Combined Authority and Bath and North East Somerset, and with the constituent Councils via the Directors of Infrastructure. Consultation and engagement with our residents and communities has been a central part of the Liveable Neighbourhoods programme, and this will continue throughout the delivery phase.

Officer making decision: David Gibson

08/12/2023

Position: Strategic Director of Infrastructure, West of England Mayoral Combined Authority