

**OFFICER DECISION RECORD**

<b>Decision Title:</b> P0010 CRSTS - Thornbury to North Bristol Corridor (A38N)
<b>Decision reference number:</b> INF_2023_0004
<b>Decision date:</b> 26/10/2023
<p><b>Background / reason for decision:</b></p> <p>The Department for Transport awarded £540m City Regional Sustainable Transport Settlement (CRSTS) to the West of England Mayoral Combined Authority. The programme was approved at the West of England Mayoral Combined Authority Committee in January 2022 and included in its scope £1m for delivery of this scheme. To support timely decision making and delivery, change request approvals for further draw-down of funds within existing budget allocations up to £1m were delegated by the Committee to the Combined Authority Director of Infrastructure in consultation with the Directors of Infrastructure of the constituent Councils in October 2023.</p> <p>Link to Committee delegation decision notice - <a href="#">Link to October 2023 Committee Decision delegation</a></p> <p>A Change Request has been produced by South Gloucestershire Council to draw down £500k to bring forward the delivery of ground penetration radar surveys, in order to reduce the risk to design changes at later stages of the project and de-risk elements of the construction programme. This change also results in a re-profile those funds from future years into this year.</p>
<p><b>Options considered:</b></p> <p>Option 1 – To award funding as recommended.</p> <p>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.</p>
<p><b>Decision:</b> To approve change request and the award of £500k from CRSTS capital to South Gloucestershire Council for the CRSTS Thornbury to North Bristol Corridor (A38N) project to enable the project to conduct ground radar surveys within this financial year.</p>
<p><b>Consultation:</b> Consultation has taken place between officers at the Combined Authority and South Gloucestershire Council, and with the constituent Councils via the Directors of Infrastructure. Public Consultation on the project has already been undertaken as part of the Full Business Case process.</p>
<p><b>Officer making decision:</b> David Gibson  <b>Position:</b> Strategic Director of Infrastructure, West of England Combined Authority  <b>Date:</b> 06/11/2023</p>