

## Report to Cabinet



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Portfolio	Cabinet Member for Highways and Housing
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### Castleton BeeNetwork (Phase 2) Development Cost

#### Executive Summary

1. Officers from Rochdale Borough Councils Highways Service have been developing a package of works to connect Castleton station to Rochdale town centre via active forms of travel. The proposals form part of the Council's approved Rochdale Transport Delivery Plan which set out plans to develop a network of active travel corridors to promote sustainable modes of travel and support economic growth.

The first phase of works is developed significantly, the extent of this scheme is between Castleton Station and The Royal Toby on the A-664 Manchester Road.

The second phase of works commences from this point, directly to Rochdale town centre. Rochdale Borough Council have programme entry status of £10,700,000.00 awarded via Transport for Greater Manchester as part of the Mayors Challenge Fund.

In order to deliver a scheme of this scale, development funds are made available, in order to design a scheme and gain Full Business Case approval prior to on site delivery.

This report requests that Cabinet accept a development cost grant of £756,200.00 in order for Rochdale Borough Council to resource the project sufficiently in the development stage.

#### Recommendation

2. This report seeks confirmation from Cabinet that Rochdale Borough Council is able to receive external funding grant at a total of £756,200.00 to develop a significant scheme aimed at active travel.

### Reason for Recommendation

3. Rochdale Borough Councils Highways Service has produced this report as the external Grant funding exceeds £500,000 therefore a delegated decision is not possible.

### Key Points for Consideration

4. At this stage key point for consideration is approval of the grant funding amount of £756, 200.00.

If cabinet accept this grant funding, officers from Rochdale Borough Councils Highways Service will work with local Elected Members and other key stakeholders to ensure of a robust final detailed scheme for delivery.

#### 4.1 Alternatives Considered

No alternatives have been considered, without the development cost funding there is no budget to progress this scheme.

### Costs and Budget Summary

5. The budget for development costs is a total of £750,000.00 a breakdown of these costs has been developed with Transport for Greater Manchester to ensure a robust Full Business Case can be submitted to gain final approval for delivery.

Project manager/project controls, scheduling etc	£40,000.00
Finance/Legal/Procurement support etc	£20,000.00
Community engagement/comms/consultations/publicity etc	£16,000.00
Designer/engineer/planner etc	£120,000.00
Site investigation	£350,000.00
Specialist consultants	£20,000.00
TfGM Gateway Review Process	£10,000.00
Outline & Full Business Case	£24,000.00
Transport for Greater Manchester -Traffic control design	£56,200.00
Full Business Case Support	£50,000.00
Sustainable Journeys engagement activity	£5,000.00
Baseline Monitoring and Evaluation	£15,000.00
Contingency	£30,000.00
Total	£756,200.00

## Risk and Policy Implications

6. Without approval from Cabinet for £756,200.00 Rochdale Borough Councils Highways Service is unable to develop the proposed scheme, this places the programme entry funding allocation (£10,700,000.00) at risk.

There are no policy implications, all schemes proposed as part of the Active Travel fund will be in line with policy adopted in Rochdale Borough Councils Core Strategy. **(Improving accessibility and delivering sustainable transport SO5)**

## Consultation

7. To date there has been no public consultation on the second phase of works from The Royal Toby to Rochdale town centre.

The £756,200.00 development funding will provide the opportunity for significant public consultation methods, along with continued local Elected Member engagement.

### Background Papers

### Place of Inspection

8. Here you should detail any background papers –

and the place of inspection (N1Riverside or elsewhere) – Note: will insert guidance on what is a background paper

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