

## WOKING INTEGRATED TRANSPORT PACKAGE

### Executive Summary

Surrey County Council is leading on the preparation and submission of a bid to Enterprise M3 (EM3) for a Woking Sustainable Transport Package (STP). The Woking Joint Committee will be updated on this work at its meeting on 20 June 2018 and the relevant extract from the Highways Update Report and a Scheme Plan which will be tabled at the meeting are attached at Appendix 1.

The EM3 bid requires a partner commitment to part fund the package and the County Council has asked Woking Borough Council to provide that funding.

The Sustainable Transport Package total project cost is £4.4m, made up of a £3m bid submission to EM3 and £1.4m local contributions funding from Woking Borough Council.

The schemes are:

- Victoria Way cycle scheme (estimated cost £512k)
- Lockfield Drive new pedestrian and cycle bridge (estimated cost £800k)
- Town Centre link from Chobham Road to Woking station (estimated cost £958k)
- Western Quality Bus Corridor package (estimated cost £1.530m)
- Woking rail station entrance scheme (estimated cost £600k)

The £1.4m contribution from Woking Borough Council is to cover the Lockfield Drive pedestrian and cycle bridge scheme (estimated to cost £800,000) and the Woking rail station entrance scheme (estimated to cost £600,000). All schemes are currently concept stage, and final costings will not be known until the detailed design stage which will be after the scheme submission to EM3. If the Executive agrees this contribution it will be funded from S106 and CIL contributions.

### Recommendations

The Executive is requested to:

#### **RESOLVE That**

a £1.4m contribution to the Woking Sustainable Transport Package (STP) bid be agreed to cover the Lockfield Drive pedestrian and cycle bridge scheme (estimated cost £800,000) and the Woking rail station entrance scheme (estimated cost £600,000) be agreed.

### Reasons for Decision

Reason: To support a bid for further Enterprise M3 funding for sustainable transport.

The Executive has the authority to determine the recommendation(s) set out above.
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**Background Papers:** None.

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**2.8. Major schemes**

**2.8.2. Woking Sustainable Transport Package (STP)**

Surrey County Council and Woking Borough Council are working in partnership to develop a circa £4m package of sustainable transport improvements for Woking to put forward as a bid for funding to the Enterprise M3 Local Enterprise Partnership (EM3 LEP). The Woking STP will improve connectivity between Woking town centre / rail station and existing routes that orbit the town, providing vital 'spokes' to fill in missing gaps in the network. It will serve key areas of residence and employment which are currently inadequately provided for by sustainable modes to support the anticipated increase in journeys to and from the area related to significant redevelopment of the town centre and rail station.

The Woking STP will complement the Woking Integrated Transport Project (ITP) for the town centre. The STP project, planned for delivery between the end of 2018 and 2021, aims to encourage more people to walk, cycle, travel by bus and use the train. By encouraging more people to travel sustainably, we will reduce congestion, pollution, and encourage more people to live healthier lives. In turn this meets the primary EM3 LEP project objectives to unlock economic growth in the area by providing transport infrastructure and improvements to support growth in jobs, homes and employment space. Measures to improve connectivity will include installing new pedestrian and cycle facilities, upgrading existing and providing new crossing points and enhancing public transport to create Quality Bus Corridors.

A Project Board consisting of Officers from Surrey County Council and Woking Borough Council is currently developing the scheme business case, due to be submitted to the EM3 LEP during summer 2018. Feasibility work is underway to identify the package of sustainable transport schemes that best meet the project objectives and are within scope for delivery during the project timeframe and available budget.

This update note is provided to inform the Joint Committee of the work currently being undertaken by Officers to develop the project. A consultation on the scheme will be undertaken later this year as part of the bid for funding from the EM3 LEP. This will provide opportunity for feedback on the proposals which in turn will help inform the development of the priority schemes to take forward to delivery. A report with full details of the Woking STP scheme will be brought to a later meeting of this Joint Committee, including seeking permissions for the advertisement of legal notices and traffic orders as required.