



**CAMBRIDGESHIRE
& PETERBOROUGH**
COMBINED AUTHORITY

Agenda Item No: 2.2

Report title: A10 Outline Business Case

To: Transport and Infrastructure Committee

Meeting Date: 12 January 2022

Public report: Public Report

Lead Member: Mayor Dr Nik Johnson

From: Rowland Potter

Key decision: No

Forward Plan ref: N/A

Recommendations: The Committee is invited to recommend the Combined Authority Board:

- a) Note the outputs of the Cambridgeshire County Council Highways and Infrastructure Committee paper
- b) Delegate authority to the Head of Transport, in consultation with the Monitoring Officer and Chief Finance Officer to develop the scope for the delivery of the Outline Business Case
- c) Approve the release of £2m funding from Department for Transport, to be spent in 22-23, for the delivery of the Outline Business Case, and agree reprofiling the remaining 21-22 budget into 22-23.
- d) Subject to an extension to the existing DfT grant being agreed, delegate authority to the Head of Transport, in consultation with the Monitoring Officer and Chief Finance Officer to issue a capital grant funding agreement for the delivery of the outline business case by Cambridgeshire County Council.

Voting arrangements: A simple majority of all Members present and voting

1. Purpose

- 1.1 To develop scope and progress the delivery of the A10 Outline Business case as a follow on from the A10 Strategic Outline Business case work.

2. Background

- 2.1 In January 2018, Cambridgeshire County Council (CCC) published a Preliminary Strategic Outline Business Case (PSOBC) for improvements to the transport network between Ely and Cambridge as part of the Ely to Cambridge Transport Study.
- 2.2 The CPCA completed a Strategic Outline Business Case (SOBC) for dualling of the A10 and improvements to junctions on the route in 2020 and is seeking to progress to an Outline Business Case (OBC), which would identify a preferred option and undertake preliminary design. The OBC would be submitted to the Department for Transport (DfT) for consideration for further funding from its Major Road Network programme.
- 2.3 The CPCA has asked the County Council to undertake the Outline Business Case work. The current estimated cost of this stage of work as between £2M and £6M. The following funding is identified:
 - In July 2021 the DfT awarded £2M “for development work on the A10 Dualling and Junctions (Cambridge to Ely) scheme up to and including the production of an Outline Business Case (OBC) as defined in the DfT’s Transport Business Case guidance.”
 - The CPCA has an approved sum of £2M of funding for the outline business case stage within the MTFP.
 - DfT has also indicated that CPCA has the opportunity to seek an additional £2m from the DfT as options emerge, depending on solutions proposed, for potential further technical development on which future funding decisions can be based.

3. Next Steps

- 3.1 The committee is requested to approve the collaborative development of scope for the progression of delivery of the Outline Business Case.
- 3.2 The combined authority would then with agreement of Cambridgeshire County Council provide a capital grant funding agreement for the delivery of the outline business case.

4. Significant Implications

- 4.1 None

5. Financial Implications

- 5.1 For the Combined Authority to take forward the development of the scheme to Outline Business Case a funding agreement will first be required with CCC, to the value of the

£4m, with a gateway point to seek the additional £2m should the complexity of options require the additional funding.

- The DfT grant currently expires on 31 March 2022, the DfT will be engaged during the scoping discussions to seek an extension to this grant, should the extension not be approved a further paper will be presented at board to agree the way forward.
- If, following the development of the Outline Business Case, the scheme is not constructed, then any costs incurred on development of the project to that date on the Outline Business Case will be required to be funded from revenue, capitalisation of this funding will be a condition of the grant funding agreement between the CPCA and CCC.
- If, following the development of the Outline Business Case, construction does not happen, then the DfT reserves the right to seek reimbursement of the £2m grant, this risk needs to be considered in the approval of this paper.
- There is currently no provision to meet any costs above the £4m (£2m from DfT and £2m from CPCA) if the cost of developing the Outline Business Case exceeds £4m this were the further £2m from DfT not forthcoming.

5.2 Should recommendation c) be agreed an additional £2m budget will be added to the approved 2022-23 capital programme, and the remainder of the existing unspent 2021-22 budget will be slipped into 2022-23.

6. Legal Implications

6.1 None

7. Other Significant Implications

7.1 There are increased challenges in relation to safety and climate change following the completion of the Strategic Outline Business Case and as such additional consideration will be required in the development of the scope of the Outline Business Case to ensure compliance with new and emerging policies both regionally and nationally.

7.2 There is an outstanding commitment to consider pedestrian and cycling crossing at the A10/A142 BP Roundabout at Ely, for which an independent funding bid has been submitted for consideration in the current budget prioritisation exercise, however this junction will remain one of significance within the scoping exercise of the Outline Business case.

8. Appendices

8.1 None

9. Background Papers

9.1 A10 Ely to Cambridge Outline Business Case – Cambridgeshire County Council – Highways and Transport Committee paper [Document.ashx \(cmis.uk.com\)](https://cmis.uk.com/Document.ashx)