



TRANSPORT AND INFRASTRUCTURE COMMITTEE	AGENDA ITEM No: 2.11
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A16 NORWOOD STRATEGIC OUTLINE BUSINESS CASE

1.0 PURPOSE

- 1.1. To provide a summary of why the A16 Norwood project should be commenced and to request approval to proceed with the Strategic Outline Business Case (SOBC).

<u>DECISION REQUIRED</u>	
Lead Member:	James Palmer, Mayor
Lead Officer:	Paul Raynes, Director of Delivery and Strategy
Forward Plan Ref: N/A	Key Decision: No
The Combined Authority Transport and Infrastructure Committee is recommended to: (a) Approve the draw down of £130,000 from the provisional allocation in the Medium Term Financial Plan to produce the Strategic Outline Business Case (b) Agree to proceed with the development of Strategic Outline Business Case.	Voting arrangements Simple majority of all Members

2.0 BACKGROUND

- 2.1. The Norwood development is located in the north east of Peterborough and will comprise 2,000 new houses. The project will look to dual a small section of the

A16 and improve the roundabout with the A47. The project is not identified as a key project within the Combined Authority's Business Plan 1019-2020.

- 2.2. This project will enable the development of Norwood comprising 2,000 houses, which would otherwise be difficult to bring forward due to developer cash flow issues as the infrastructure improvements are required from day 1 of the development. Walking and cycling will play an important part of access to and from the development and these options will also be developed in the business case.
- 2.3. The project's aim is to produce a series of highway improvements to improve access to the Norwood development and bring a series of decongestion benefits to the area. A scheme, or series of schemes, will be developed that will offer a value for money score that will determine which option(s) are progressed through to the Outline Business Case.
- 2.4. The scheme supports the Combined Authority's vision to accelerate house building rates to meet local and UK need through the unlocking of the Norwood development. A 'do nothing' scenario will lead to an increase in traffic congestion and jeopardises the viability of the development.

3.0 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 3.1. A funding allocation of £130,000 is being sought to develop the Strategic Outline Business Case. There is currently a provisional allocation of £130,000 in the Medium Term Financial Plan.

4.0 LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

- 4.1. The Strategic Outline Business Case will be procured via the Peterborough Highways Services contract.

5.0 OTHER SIGNIFICANT IMPLICATIONS

- 5.1. None

<u>Background Papers</u>	<u>Location</u>
i. None	