



<b>CAMBRIDGESHIRE AND PETERBOROUGH COMBINED AUTHORITY BOARD</b>	<b>AGENDA ITEM No: 4.2</b>
<b>29 APRIL 2020</b>	<b>PUBLIC REPORT</b>

## **ST NEOTS RIVER GREAT OUSE NORTHERN CROSSING CYCLE BRIDGE**

### **1.0 PURPOSE**

- 1.1. To summarise work to date on the St Neots Foot and Cycle Bridge and Regatta Meadows, confirm that the projected construction costs for the project now exceed the allocated budget and seek the agreement of the Combined Authority Board that the scheme should not proceed as it no longer meets the requirements for Value for Money set out in the Combined Authority's Assurance Framework.
- 1.2. To propose that the £3.1m of capital funding allocated to the project by the Combined Authority Board be re-allocated to projects in delivery of the St Neots Market Town Masterplan.
- 1.3. The above proposal was discussed by the Transport and Infrastructure Committee on 6 March 2020 where it was unanimously endorsed by those present.
- 1.4. A report to the Combined Authority Board on 27 June 2018 on the St Neots Masterplan can be viewed via the link below. Item 2.1 refers:  
  
<https://cambridgeshirepeterboroughcagov.cmis.uk.com/Meetings/tabid/70/ctl/ViewMeetingPublic/mid/397/Meeting/911/Committee/63/SelectedTab/Documents/Default.aspx>
- 1.5. This report was deferred from consideration at the Mayor's decision-making meeting on 25 March 2020 following the Interim Monitoring Officer's advice that it was not a decision which the Mayor could make using his general power of competence.
- 1.6. The report (agenda item 7) to the Transport and Infrastructure Committee on 6 March 2020 can be viewed at:  
  
<https://cambridgeshirepeterboroughcagov.cmis.uk.com/Meetings/tabid/70/ctl/ViewMeetingPublic/mid/397/Meeting/890/Committee/67/SelectedTab/Documents/Default.aspx>

<b><u>DECISION REQUIRED</u></b>	
<b>Lead Member:</b>	<b>Mayor James Palmer</b>
<b>Lead Officer:</b>	<b>John T Hill, Director of Business and Skills</b>
<b>Forward Plan Ref: KD2020/032</b>	<b>Key Decision: Yes</b>
<p>The Combined Authority Board is recommended to:</p> <p>(a) Agree that work on the St Neots Foot and Cycle Bridge should cease and the project be removed from the Combined Authority's Business Plan; and</p> <p>(b) Agree that the £3.1m CPCA funding allocated to the project be re-allocated to projects within the St Neots Masterplan.</p>	<p><b>Voting arrangements</b></p> <p>A vote in favour, by at least two-thirds of all Members (or their Substitute Members) appointed by the Constituent Councils to include the Members appointed by Cambridgeshire County Council and Peterborough City Council, or their Substitute Members</p>

## **2.0 CONSIDERATIONS**

- 2.1 The report was added to the Forward Plan as a key decision on 13 March 2020 under the General Exception Rules after notice was given to Chair of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee and published on the Combined Authority's website. A copy of the General Exception notice is attached at Appendix 1.

## **3.0 APPENDICES**

- 3.1 Appendix 1 - General Exception Notice: Published 13 March 2020

<b><u>Background Papers</u></b>	<b><u>Location</u></b>
n/a	