



DIRECTORATE OF CITY & ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES

REQUEST FOR DECISION

Decision making level: **Officer in Consultation** Date: **22 July 2014**

Reinvigorate York – Exhibition Square/Theatre Interchange project

Decision Requested

To approve the final design for the Theatre Interchange project, subject to further consultation with stakeholders representing the blind and partially sighted, carrying out a second stage Road Safety Audit and development of proposals for the Exhibition Square project.

Purpose

To enable implementation of the Theatre Interchange project (Better Bus Area Fund programme) and improve arrangements for bus passengers and pedestrians in the area; and to progress the Reinvigorate York public realm improvement programme for Exhibition Square.

Background Information

A report to Cabinet on 1 July 2014 set out proposals for the Theatre Interchange project as the first phase of a rolling programme of linked public realm improvement work at Exhibition Square. Further clarification is needed regarding the provision of replacement facilities for the two existing bus passenger shelters and the provision of an outbound cycle lane on St Leonard's Place.

A project specific community impact assessment (CIA) has been carried out as part of the overall CIA for Reinvigorate York schemes and is available on line.

Proposal

Bus Passenger Shelter

The proposed bus shelter (which will replace the two existing bus passenger shelters) will comprise a double shelter and a single shelter immediately adjoining each other (buted close together). The overall footprint of the shelter will measure 12m x 2m and will visually appear as one structure. A half end panel will be fitted at either end of the structure and there will be no material change to the amount of seating currently provided. The shelter will be positioned with the glass side alongside and parallel to the kerb line. There will be a maintenance charge of £3.5K per year (there is currently no maintenance charge for the two existing

shelters).

The revised Plan at Annex A shows the overall footprint of the proposed shelter and the position of the glass side alongside the kerb line.

Outbound Cycle Lane

The proposal is to introduce an outbound on-road cycle lane on St. Leonard's Place. A 1.5m wide central cycle lane leading to the advanced bus stop line will be provided. This will be positioned between a 3.5m wide inside lane alongside the bus lay-by and a 2.5m wide lane leading towards Gillygate.

Consultation Process

A four week public consultation was held in January/February this year and included a presentation to the Quality Bus Partnership. Individual discussions have been held with bus operators. In addition, a number of trials have also been conducted to research the impact of the proposals on bus services.

Further consultation with stakeholders representing the blind and partially sighted on the provision of tactile directional guidance paving is currently being undertaken.

Statutory Powers

The City of York Council, as Highways Authority of the area, has powers under the Highways Act 1980 and associated Road Traffic Regulations Act 1984 to implement the measures proposed.

Ward Members and Political Party Views

Calling In

The 1 July Cabinet decisions were called in by Cllrs Watson, Warters and Wiseman for review by the Corporate and Scrutiny Management Committee on 14 July 2014 on grounds of project value for money and concerns regarding the bus facilities. The original decision was upheld.

Financial Programme Implications

The financial implications were outlined in the 1 July report to Cabinet.

For clarity: The estimated cost of the combined Exhibition Square/Theatre Interchange project is £1,000k, of which the estimated cost of the Exhibition Square project is £510k.

The **£490k** identified in the 1 July report to Cabinet for the Theatre Interchange project comprises:

£359k - Theatre Interchange project build costs

£61k - Preliminaries/Contingencies (10%) for the combined project

£70k – Design Fees for the combined project

Options

The options are to:

- A. Approve the final design for the Theatre Interchange project as outlined in Annex A, subject to the caveats noted.
- B. Defer for further information to be brought back to a subsequent Officer in Consultation meeting.

Level of Risk

1-3 Acceptable	✓	16-20 Action Plan	
4-8 Regular Monitoring		21-25 Registered as a corporate risk	
9-15 Constant Monitoring			

Internal Consultation

Financial, Human Resources, Equalities, Legal, Crime and Disorder, Information Technology and Property implications were considered as part of the 1 July report to Cabinet.

Implementation Status

Works to be completed	mid September – end November 2014
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Recommendations

Approve Option A

Annexes

Annex A Plan of proposed Theatre Interchange (Rev B)

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