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Meeting	Executive
Date	26 September 2019
Present	Councillors Aspden (Chair), Ayre, Craghill, Cuthbertson, D'Agorne, Runciman, Smalley, Waller and Widdowson
In Attendance	Councillor Perrett (in place of Cllr Myers)

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## **PART B - MATTERS REFERRED TO COUNCIL**

### **49. Reducing York's Carbon Footprint with Electric Vehicles**

*[See also under Part A]*

The Assistant Director of Transport, Highways & Improvement presented a report which provided an update on progress of the project to deliver 'Hyper hub' facilities for the rapid charging of electric vehicles (EVs) at Poppleton Bar and Monks Cross (the project), and sought approval to procure a contract for their supply and installation.

The project had been approved by Executive on 18 March 2019 (Minute 130 of that meeting refers). Initial market engagement had made it clear that the cost would be higher than originally forecast, and a further £700k was being sought from a number of sources, including the Local Enterprise Partnership (LEP) and European Regional Development Fund (ERDF). This would require match funding of £400k from the council. Despite this increase, the importance of the project remained. Hyper hubs were a cornerstone of the city's future EV charging estate, providing a sustainable and inclusive solution for EV owners with no off-street parking and allowing control over tariffs, to ensure a fair cost of charging for residents, businesses and visitors.

Two options were available:

**Option 1** – to approve supplementary funding to move forward with the project, as recommended.

**Option 2** – to ask officers to develop proposals for a reduced scheme. This would reduce the carbon reduction potential of the project.

In response to questions from Members and comments made under Public Participation, officers confirmed that:

- Opportunities would be sought to mitigate the council's additional contribution.
- Suggestions made at the meeting in relation to on-street charging could be addressed in preparing the report on the EV charging strategy referred to in recommendation (v).
- Officers were also examining different fuel types as a way of reducing carbon emissions.

**Recommended:** That Council approve an increase in the budget of £700k, including £400k additional prudential borrowing, to fund the increased cost of the Hyper hubs project.

**Reason:** In order to move forward and implement an EV charging infrastructure that meets the Council's ambitions in terms of carbon reduction, promoting sustainable transport and increasing the use of electric vehicles to improve air quality in the city.

## **50. York Outer Ring Road Improvements Update**

*[See also under Part A]*

The Assistant Director of Transport, Highways & Improvement presented a report which sought decisions in respect of funding and land acquisition to deliver improvements at the A1237/Clifton Moor roundabout and Monks Cross Junction, as part of the York Outer Ring Road (YORR) improvement scheme.

Progress had been made in a number of areas, as listed in paragraph 12 of the report. However, since Executive approval of the approach to the scheme on 13 July 2017 (Minute 21 of that meeting refers), a number of changing conditions and challenges had arisen. As a result, a slightly different approach was required, to align land acquisition more effectively and co-ordinate funding approaches with planning decisions or seek alternative funding. The issues were discussed in the body of the report and involved the options for the design of the Clifton

Moor Junction (paragraphs 23-26) and the need to seek in-principle authority for the making of Compulsory Purchase Orders to acquire land for the scheme (paragraphs 27-42).

The current estimated cost of the Clifton Moor roundabout upgrade scheme was £7m, funded by a bid for a Housing Infrastructure Fund (HIF) grant of £5m and a West Yorkshire Plus Transport Fund (WY+TF) grant of £2m. If external funding was not available in advance, it was proposed that the council fund the additional cost through borrowing of up to £5m.

Recommended: That Council approve a budget of £7m for the 'enhanced option' upgrading of the Clifton Moor junction, to be funded from £2m West Yorkshire Transport Fund contribution and £5m prudential borrowing, the revenue costs of which will be incorporated in the 2020/21 Revenue Budget.

Reason: To enable the construction of an upgraded junction which will be future proofed to provide access to a proposed new development site, shown in the Draft Local Plan, for approximately 1,350 new homes, new cycle and pedestrian networks, and accommodating dualling of the A1237; in addition, delivering a single enhanced scheme will minimise traffic disruption and the abortive work that would result from delivering the WYTF and development schemes separately.

Cllr K Aspden, Chair

[The meeting started at 5.30 pm and finished at 7.37 pm].