



REPORT TO EXECUTIVE

PORTFOLIO AREA: LOCAL ENVIRONMENT

Date of Meeting: 14th March 2011

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Key Decision: Yes

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No

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Title: CAPITAL PROJECT - WILLOWHOLME INDUSTRIAL ESTATE
Report of: THE ASSISTANT DIRECTOR LOCAL ENVIRONMENT
Report reference: LE05/11

Summary: Following the 2005 floods a package of improvement works were agreed for the Willowholme Industrial Estate. Most of these were complete soon after the flood; however the reconstruction of the un-adopted section of road was delayed until after other major infrastructure improvements were completed. These are now complete and release of the funding is requested to enable the road to be reconstructed to an adoptable standard.

Recommendations: It is recommended that the £139,000 Capital Budget set aside for this scheme is released.

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Note: in compliance with section 100d of the Local Government (Access to Information) Act 1985 the report has been prepared in part from the following papers: None

1. BACKGROUND INFORMATION AND OPTIONS

- 1.1 Following the Carlisle floods of 2005, funds were set aside from the Capital Budget to enhance Willowholme Industrial Estate. The estate and its tenants were badly affected by the flood and a package of measures was agreed in consultation with the tenants on the Industrial Estate.
- 1.2 Some works were carried out soon after the floods, these included upgrading of the street lighting, repairs to fences, drainage improvements and enhanced signage. The one element of the works that could not be completed at the time was the reconstruction of the un-adopted section of the Industrial Estate road. The majority of the road is adopted by the County Council however a section of Willowholme Road at the north end of the estate, and Mill Race Road remain in the ownership of the City Council.
- 1.3 It was necessary to delay completion of this improvement work until after the Environment Agency completed the flood prevention works, and United Utilities completed improvements to the drainage system and the sewage works. These works have now been completed which enable the road reconstruction to now take place.
- 1.4 As a result of the heavy construction traffic using the Industrial Estate during the above infrastructure improvements the adopted section of road deteriorated to the stage where the County Council have had to fund major repairs. In order to achieve economies of scale the City Council prepared a jointly funded contract for all the reconstruction works required on the estate. Tenders have been received and the lowest tender submitted by Cubby Construction has been accepted.
- 1.5 The reconstruction of the adopted section of highway commenced on the 21st February 2011 with an expected duration of 6 weeks, fully funded by the County Council. The un-adopted section of road for which the City Council is responsible is due to commence in May 2011 again with a construction period of 6 weeks. The Executive is asked to release the funds of £139,000 allocated in the Capital Budget for this work, £119,000 of this sum is for contact works by Cubby Construction on Willowholme Road, £19,000 is for works on Mill Race Road to repair existing footways and patch sections of road. This work to be carried out by the City Council Highways Section.

- 1.6 Upon completion of the reconstruction works the County Council will adopt Mill Race Road and the un-adopted section of Willowholme Road.

2. CONSULTATION

2.1 Consultation to Date.

In developing the scheme consultation has taken place with the County Council, City Council Property Services and representatives of tenants on the estate.

2.2 Consultation proposed.

No further consultation is proposed.

3. RECOMMENDATIONS

It is recommended that the £139,000 Capital Budget set aside for this scheme be released.

4. REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS

The proposed works will enable the City Council to pass responsibility for maintaining the road to the County Council.

5. IMPLICATIONS

- Staffing/Resources – The contract will be managed by City Council Highways Staff
- Financial – The 2011/12 capital programme includes a provision of £139,000 for improvement works at Willowholme Industrial Estate funded from the Asset Investment Reserve. This report requests the release of the full budget to enable the scheme to progress.
- Legal – As owner of the un-adopted road, the Council has an obligation to maintain to an acceptable standard so that those using it may do so in reasonable safety. The Council has the legal authority to maintain its assets and, in particular, s2 of the Local Government Act will facilitate the

proposed expenditure as it is for the economic and/or environmental well-being of the area.

- Corporate – The completion of this work completes the Council commitment to enhance the estate after the 2005 flood.
- Risk Management – Construction risks are subject to specific risk assessments.
- Environmental – The contractor will seek to recycle excavated materials to minimise materials being taken to tip.
- Crime and Disorder – There are no obvious implications to this element of the work.
- Impact on Customers – Some disruption is inevitable during construction however after completion road users will experience a better road surface.
- Equality and Diversity –

Impact assessments

Does the change have an impact on the following?

Equality Impact Screening	Impact Yes/No?	Is the impact positive or negative?
Does the policy/service impact on the following?	No	
Age	No	
Disability	No	
Race	No	
Gender/ Transgender	No	
Sexual Orientation	No	
Religion or belief	No	
Human Rights	No	
Health inequalities	No	
Rurality	No	

If you consider there is either no impact or no negative impact, please give reasons:

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If an equality Impact is necessary, please contact the P&P team.