

# Executive Decision Report

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## **Connecting Leicester: Clock Tower area resurfacing**

Decision to be taken by: City Mayor

Decision to be taken on: 28 March 2019

Lead director: Andrew L Smith

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**City Mayor**

## Useful information

- Ward(s) affected: Castle
- Report author: Satbir Kaur

### 1. Summary

The purpose of this report is to approve the resurfacing of the Clock Tower area as part of the Connecting Leicester programme.

### 2. Recommendations

The City Mayor is requested to:

1. Approve the reconstruction of the Clock Tower area as part of the Connecting Leicester programme, as outlined in the report at a cost of £1.8m, £850,000 of which is already in the approved capital programme.
2. Note the availability of £950,000 from allocated funding for Connecting Leicester improvements and add this to the capital programme.

### 3. Supporting information including options considered:

The Connecting Leicester programme has delivered a wide range of improvements in and around the city centre to support its importance as the retailing, leisure and business heart of the city.

Work was previously undertaken to rebuild the Clock Tower area in conjunction with the development of Highcross prior to its opening in 2008. This area is now in need of resurfacing works to replace the existing slabs. The scheme will also include resurfacing with porphyry on the adjacent parts of Churchgate and Haymarket, which are proposed to be pedestrianised.

A variety of surfacing options were considered ranging from low cost asphalt to high quality natural stone. Taking cost and other factors, including the extremely high profile of the Clock Tower area, into account it is proposed to use porphyry to match other high quality major open spaces in the city centre – e.g. Jubilee Square, Cathedral Gardens and New Market Square.

### 4. Details of Scrutiny

The Connecting Leicester 2 programme was considered at the 23<sup>rd</sup> July 2015 Economic Development Transport and Tourism Scrutiny Commission.

### 5. Financial, legal and other implications

#### 5.1 Financial implications

The estimated cost of this element of the Connecting Leicester programme outlined in this report is £1.8m. A sum of £950,000 is available from allocated funding for Connecting Leicester improvements, which needs to be added to the capital programme. The remaining £850,000 is from Connecting Leicester funding already in the approved capital programme. *Colin Sharpe, Head of Finance, ext. 37 4081*

## 5.2 Legal implications

While there are no direct legal implications arising in principle from this report officers will need to ensure that if works are being carried out in the highway, they have implemented appropriate temporary traffic regulation orders under procedures set out in the Road Traffic Regulations Act 1984 and associated Orders. The Council will also need to ensure that it complies with its Contract Procedure Rules in connection with the procurement of goods and services. *John McIvor, Principal Lawyer, ext. 37-1409*

## 5.3 Climate Change and Carbon Reduction implications

Leicester City Council has a target to reduce the carbon footprint of the city by 50% by 2025, based on 1990 levels. Both phases of the Connecting Leicester scheme seek to encourage walking and cycling in the city by improving pedestrian environments and access for cyclists. Converting transport habits from driving to walking and cycling will contribute to a reduction in city wide emissions. *Duncan Bell, Senior Environmental Consultant. Ext 37 2249.*

## 5.4 Equality Impact Assessment

The equality impacts of the scheme and mitigating actions will be considered during the development of schemes and an EIA will be produced if appropriate.

## 5.5 Other Implications (You will need to have considered other implications in preparing this report. Please indicate which ones apply?)

None

## **6. Background information and other papers:**

Presentation to 23<sup>rd</sup> July 2015 Economic Development Transport and Tourism Scrutiny

## **7. Summary of appendices:**

Clock Tower General Arrangement Drawing – N114039c/HS/CT/001

## **8. Is this a private report (If so, please indicated the reasons and state why it is not in the public interest to be dealt with publicly)?**

No

## **9. Is this a “key decision”?**

No

## **10. If a key decision please explain reason**