

# HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

## Executive Decision Record

<b>Decision Maker:</b>	Executive Lead Member for Universal Services
<b>Date:</b>	15 May 2023
<b>Title:</b>	Project Appraisal Update: Southampton and South-West Hampshire Transforming Cities Fund (TCF) Eastleigh Town Centre Cycles
<b>Report From:</b>	Director of Universal Services

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### 1. The decision:

- 1.1. That the Executive Lead Member for Universal Services approves an increase in the 2020/21 capital programme value of the Southampton and South-West Hampshire Transforming Cities Fund (TCF) Eastleigh Town Centre Cycles scheme from £914,000 to £1,563,000, to be funded from Department for Transport's (DfT's) Transforming Cities Fund (TCF), Local Transport Plan (LTP) and Section 106 contributions.
- 1.2 That the Executive Lead Member for Universal Services approves the Updated Project Appraisal for Transforming Cities Fund Eastleigh Town Centre Cycles scheme, as outlined in the accompanying report.
- 1.3 That approval be given to procure, spend and enter into necessary contractual arrangements, in consultation with the Head of Legal Services, to implement the proposed scheme to make cycle improvements in Eastleigh in line with the revised budget, to be funded from Department for Transport's (DfT's) Transforming Cities Fund (TCF), Local Transport Plan (LTP) and Section 106 contributions up to £148,000.
- 1.4 That the Executive Lead Member for Universal Services delegates authority to the Director of Universal Services, in consultation with the Head of Legal Services, to progress any orders, notices or statutory procedures and secure any consents, licences, permissions, rights or easements necessary to enable implementation of this scheme.

### 2. Reasons for the decision:

- 1.2. Approval of the scheme will allow the continued delivery of measures to improve walking and cycling opportunities in Eastleigh Town Centre and the surrounding area, encouraging visitors and locals to opt for active travel methods and leave their cars at home when in the local area.

2.2 The decision will enable delivery of the TCF Eastleigh Town Centre Cycles scheme at the revised cost as outlined in the report, and as approved in the Executive Lead Member for Economy, Transport and Environment Decision Day on 27 January 2022.

**3. Other options considered and rejected:**

3.1 The alternative option to descop the scheme and reduce costs was considered. However, it was decided that continuing with the delivery of the original scope provided substantial benefits and aligned with Hampshire County Councils strategic objectives to provide safe and healthy living opportunities. Furthermore, descoping the scheme would lead to a lack of continuity in the cycle route through Eastleigh which may have a forward impact on other schemes in the area which look to promote active travel, such as the connectivity to the proposed Airport Parkway and Eastleigh Train Station Travel Hubs.

3.2 It was also considered to do nothing, but this was rejected as the scheme will support active travel in the Eastleigh area by providing safer cycle routes and more connectivity through the area for active travel users. Furthermore, not delivering would involve a significant reputational risk as the County Council has been awarded funding from the DfT to deliver the scheme.

**4. Conflicts of interest:**

4.1 None.

**5. Dispensation granted by the Conduct Advisory Panel: none.**

**6. Reason(s) for the matter being dealt with if urgent: not applicable.**

**7. Statement from the Decision Maker:**

**Approved by:**

**Date:**

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**15 May 2023**

**Executive Lead Member for Universal Services  
Councillor Nick Adams-King**