

2.2. To seek approval for delivery of Rushington scheme at the revised cost as outlined in the supporting report, previously 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. It was considered to **do nothing**, but this was rejected as the scheme will support active and public travel in the Southampton area by providing safer cycle routes and more efficient bus connectivity through the area for active and public travel users. Furthermore, not delivering would involve a significant reputational risk as the County Council has been awarded funding from the Department for Transport (DfT) to deliver the scheme.

3.2 Options to reduce costs have been explored and Value Analysis has been carried out throughout the project to determine opportunities to descope the scheme. Limited opportunities to do so have been identified that would not affect the scheme's ability to achieve its scheme objectives and deliver a continuous and improved cycle and bus route. An option to continue with the original scheme and not extend the scope to include additional road safety benefits exists. However, this was discounted as there is an opportunity to minimise disruption, achieve efficiencies and deliver these improvements more quickly by combining with the Transforming Cities Fund.

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:

10 July 2023

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