

TRAFFORD COUNCIL

**Report to:** Executive  
**Date:** 30 October 2017  
**Report for:** Decision  
**Report of:** Executive Member for Highways, Parks and Environmental Services

**Report Title**

**Agreement for the delivery of a Highways England Designated Funded Cycle Improvement Scheme**

**Summary**

**To seek approval to authorise the execution of an Agreement between Highways England and Trafford Council, associated with the implementation of a Cycling improvement scheme adjacent to the M60 between Urmston and Sale Water Park.**

**Recommendation**

**The Executive are recommended to:**

- 1. Delegate the Director of Legal and Democratic Services, in consultation with the Corporate Director for EGEI, to finalise and execute the Agreement (and similarly to agree and execute any subsequent amendments).**
- 2. Approve the increase to the Capital Programme of £2.675m to be financed by capital grant**

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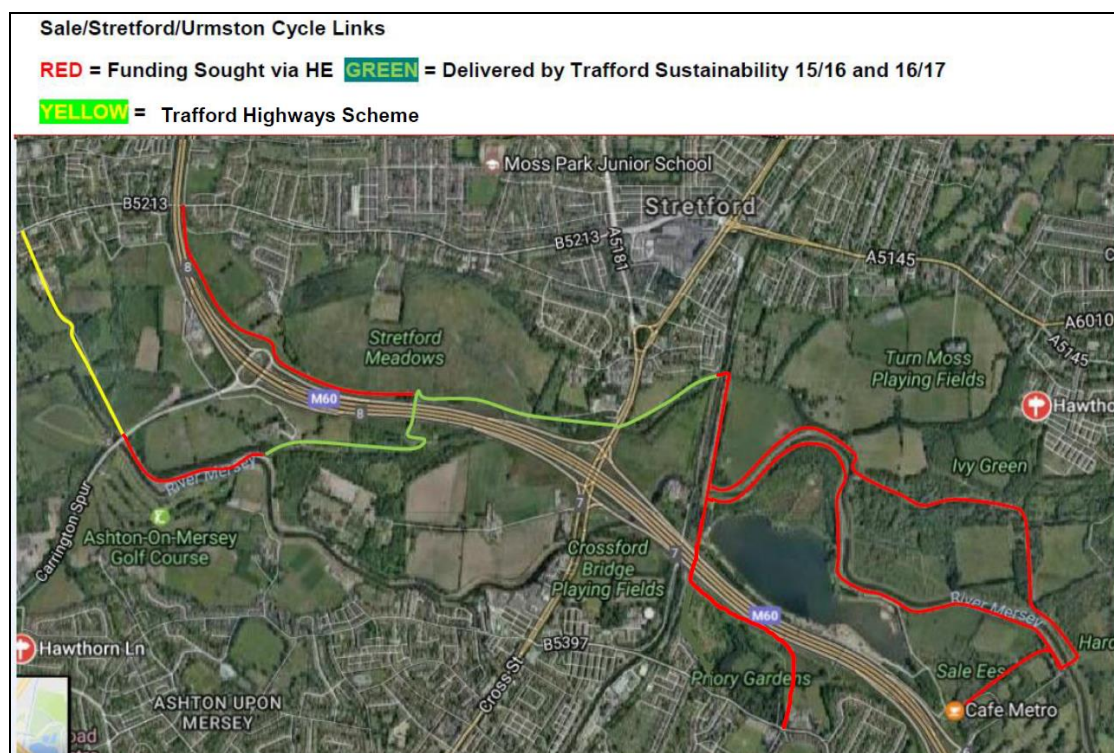
**Background Papers:** None

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Relationship to Policy Framework/Corporate Priorities	The cycling, safety and integration (CSI) Grant Works accords to the Trafford Local Plan Core Strategy.
Financial	The project referred to within the report will be wholly funded by Highways England via the CSI fund. The total allocation for this project is £2.67M
Legal Implications:	The signing of the document referred to in this report enters the parties into an Agreement to deliver the project
Equality/Diversity Implications	None
Sustainability Implications	Promotes economic growth whilst cutting carbon emissions through promoting sustainable modes of travel to work
Staffing/E-Government/Asset Management Implications	Staffing for the implementation of the proposed actions will be provided from within existing resources. There are no significant Asset Management implications.
Risk Management Implications	It is not considered that there are any Risk Management implications.
Health and Safety Implications	The proposed actions are aimed at improving the health and safety of cyclists and pedestrian users in Trafford.

## 1.0 Background

- 1.1 Highways England (HE) has a series of ring fenced funds to address a range of issues beyond the traditional focus of road investment. Included is a cycling, safety and integration (CSI) fund which is to be used to improve cycling facilities on or near Highway England's road network (i.e. Motorways and Trunk Roads) and to reduce the impact of the network as a barrier to cycling.
- 1.2 These cycling facilities will provide integrated, high quality routes that are safe, direct, connected, comfortable and attractive, linking with wider cycle networks where appropriate.
- 1.3 The Council have been awarded a grant to improve cycling facilities running adjacent to the M60 within the Mersey Valley between Urmston and Sale Water Park as indicated below. The value of the grant is £2,675,000



- 1.4 The scheme will improve predominantly off road cycle routes running parallel and on either side of the M60 Junctions 6 to 8, including a route which passes over the M60 at Sale Water Park (Water Sports Centre/Priory Gardens), under the M60 adjacent to the Altrincham to Manchester Metrolink line and either side of the M60 Bridge at Stretford Meadows. A number of routes form part of the Trans Pennine Trail which is part of NCN 62. The scheme also includes improvements to routes in the vicinity of Ivy Green Woods and nature reserve (in Manchester) and along the River Mersey in the vicinity of Sale Water Park. This will integrate with United Utilities, Environment Agency, Manchester City Council and private land owners.
- 1.5 The scheme will also improve the cycle route from Mersey Valley Visitor's Centre (next to the motorway) to Jackson's Boat Bridge (across the River Mersey). An improved route with a new approach embankment to the bridge and a new, improved width bridge will replace the current route which has an extremely steep slope onto Rifle Road adjacent to a car park and a public house. The new bridge will replace the old narrow and deteriorating structure. The scheme will also facilitate DDA access wherever reasonably practical.
- 1.6 The project is to be carried out as a staged gate process; Stage 1 Feasibility, Stage 2 Detailed Design and Stage 3 – Construction. Progression through the stages is dependent upon the preceding stage being approved by HE.
- 1.7 The target dates for the various stages are anticipated to be as follows: Stage 1 complete by May 2018, Stage 2 complete late 2018 and Stage 3 complete late summer 2019.
- 1.8 Various consultations with stakeholders will take place during stage 1, these would include various land owners (such as The Environment Agency), Manchester City Council, Trans Pennine Trail representatives and Trafford (& Manchester) Cycle Forums.

## **2.0 Conclusions**

- 2.1 The Agreement is required to formalise the working relationship between Highways England and Trafford Council in relation to this project.

## **3.0 Other Options**

- 3.1 The only option is not to proceed with the recommendation which would result in the project not being implemented and the grant fund not being released.

## **4.0 Consultation**

- 4.1 There are no specific consultations considered necessary to complete the Agreement, however Stakeholders will be consulted as part of the Stage 1 process.
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**5.0 Reasons for Recommendation**

5.1 The Agreement is required to formalise the working relationship between Highways England and Trafford Council. This will enable the CSI project to be introduced and for the CSI funds to be released.

**Key Decision:** Yes **If Key Decision, has 28-day notice been given?** Yes

**Finance Officer Clearance** ...GB..... (Graeme Bentley)

**Legal Officer Clearance** ...KF..... (Claire Kefford)



**CORPORATE DIRECTOR'S SIGNATURE** (electronic)

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