

**NORTH SOMERSET COUNCIL DECISION**

**DECISION OF: COUNCILLOR JAMES TONKIN. THE EXECUTIVE MEMBER FOR PLANNING, BUILDING CONTROL, HIGHWAYS AND TRANSPORT**

**IN CONSULTATION WITH COUNCILLOR ASHLEY CARTMAN. THE EXECUTIVE MEMBER FOR FINANCE AND PERFORMANCE**

**WITH ADVICE FROM: DIRECTOR OF DEVELOPMENT AND ENVIRONMENT AND HEAD OF MAJOR PROJECTS**

**DIRECTORATE: DEVELOPMENT AND ENVIRONMENT**



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**DECISION NO: 19/20 DE 121**

**SUBJECT: METROWEST PHASE 1 – DEVELOPMENT SERVICES AGREEMENT (DSA) 5.3**

**KEY DECISION: NO**

**REASON:** Whilst normally a decision over £0.500m is a key decision, The costs associated with the DSA amendment relates to pre-existing budgets and approvals for the MetroWest Scheme, which have been previously taken through full council. This decision is enacting Authorities given through those reports.

**BACKGROUND:** The background to this decision is set out in the report to Council on 25<sup>th</sup> June 2019: MetroWest Phase 1 Submission of Development Consent Order Application and Associated Approvals.

**DECISION:** To authorise delegated authority to enter into addendum 5.3 of the Development Services Agreement with Network Rail at a total estimated cost of £793,180, for GRIP 1 to 4 design and development for the option to extend MetroWest Phase 1 to Westbury and for project management support services up to 31<sup>st</sup> October 2019 for the Development Consent Order and to start preparations for GRIP5.

This is an urgent decision and as such the public notice procedure has been followed. The reasons for urgency is: *There will be significant financial and reputational implications should the decision to enter into the DSA not be taken until 1<sup>st</sup> September. This will be a result of a delay in the submission of the DCO beyond the 20<sup>th</sup> September, as Network Rail are not authorised to undertake further work to support the submission of the DCO or continue the GRIP 1-4 work on the Westbury turn back. This would introduce further risk to the project, given the critical date of October 2019 for many of the supporting consultation and technical supporting documents.*

**REASONS:** The report to Council on 25<sup>th</sup> June 2019, set out in detail the scope of technical work required over the next two years for the powers to build and operate the MetroWest Phase 1 project via a Development Consent Order and for the development of GRIP design.

All the report recommendations were agreed by the Council. This decision relates to recommendation 3b) of the report. The whole recommendation 3 stated:

*3. Authorise the Executive Member for Planning and Transport, in consultation with the Executive Member for Finance and Performance to:*

*a) finalise and complete the Promotion Agreement with Network Rail for the joint working arrangements for taking the project through the Development Consent Order process, as outlined in section 13 of this report,*

*b) approve further addendums of the Development Services Agreement with Network Rail, to progress the procurement of GRIP 5 to 8, to undertake GRIP 5 detailed design and to provide technical support through the DCO process, and*

*c) note the estimated cost of a) and b) above has been included within the project budget for 2019/20 (£4.491M) and 2020/21 (£7.159M), agreed by the Council on 12<sup>th</sup> February 2019.*

It is now necessary to enter into addendum 5.3 of the Development Services Agreement with Network Rail at a total estimated cost of £793,180, for GRIP 1 to 4 design and development for the option to extend MetroWest Phase 1 to Westbury and for project management support services up to 31<sup>st</sup> October for the Development Consent Order and preparation for GRIP5.

The cost of this will be met from the project budget agreed by the Council on 19<sup>th</sup> February 2019. On 25<sup>th</sup> June 2019 the Council agreed add £4.491M into the 2019/20 capital programme as set out in recommendation 4 as follows:

*4. Authorise the addition of £4.491M into the 2019/20 capital programme for MetroWest Phase 1, funded from headroom resources, previously earmarked for the project, until approval has been granted to drawdown Local Growth Funding, as referred to in recommendation 2d. Authorisation is also sought to delegate authority to the S151 officer to switch the funding on receipt of the associated confirmation from the WECA as the administering body.*

Addendum 5.3 of the Development Services Agreement, is attached to this decision.

**OPTIONS CONSIDERED:** Refer to the 25<sup>th</sup> June 2019 report to Council, for details of the options considered.

#### **FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:**

##### **Costs**

The total estimated cost of addendum 5.3 of the Development Services Agreement is £793,180. This comprises of £531,461 for the GRIP 1 to 4 design for the option to extend the project to Westbury and £261,719 to continue to provide support for the submission of the DCO application and to start preparations for GRIP5 detailed design for the Portishead Line. A further addendum will need to be entered into before the end of October 2019 to progress the procurement of GRIP5, when more details on this becomes available over the coming months.

## Funding

The total estimated cost of £793,180 is well within the project budget of £4.491M which has been added into the capital programme for 2019-20.

## CLIMATE CHANGE AND ENVIRONMENTAL IMPLICATIONS

MetroWest Phase 1 requires an Environmental Statement (ES) to support the Development Consent Order application. Draft details of this were included in the 25<sup>th</sup> June 2019 report. Consideration of the climate emergency is assessed in the ES.

Type of Benefit	Outputs / Outcomes
Modal Shift	Reduction of <u>181,000 car trips PA</u> in the opening year, and reduction of <u>1,570,660 car km PA</u> in the AM peak hour
Forecast Passenger Demand	Opening year: <u>958,980 passenger trips</u> , increasing to <u>1,295,103 passenger trips</u> by 2036
Additional Population Connected to the National Rail Network	Will bring an additional <u>50,000+ people</u> within the immediate catchment of the 2 new stations at Portishead and Pill
Existing Population Benefiting from the Enhanced Train Services	Will upgrade the existing train service at <u>16 stations</u> across three rail corridors, directly benefiting <u>180,000 people</u> within a 1km catchment
Greenhouse Gas Emissions	An overall slight decrease of <u>CO2 emissions</u> taking into account the reduction in car kilometres, train emissions and the emissions resulting from the construction of the project
Job Creation	<u>514 net new direct permanent jobs</u> + temporary jobs during construction
Value for Money	Will provide <u>£3 of quantified benefits for every £1 invested</u> to deliver the scheme, this puts the scheme in the <u>high value for money</u> category
Gross Value Added (GVA) to the economy	Will enhance the regional economy by <u>£264M in the first ten years</u>

## CONSULTATION

Refer to the 25<sup>th</sup> June 2019 report to Council, for details of the extensive formal and informal consultation and engagement undertaken by the project team.

## RISK MANAGEMENT

Refer to the 25<sup>th</sup> June 2019 report to Council, for details of the risk management arrangements.

## EQUALITY IMPLICATIONS

Have you undertaken an Equality Impact Assessment? Yes

Refer to the 25<sup>th</sup> June 2019 report to Council, for details of the Equality Impact Assessment.

**CORPORATE IMPLICATIONS**


Refer to the 25<sup>th</sup> June 2019 report to Council, for details of the Corporate Implications.

**BACKGROUND PAPERS**

Report to Council on 25th June 2019: MetroWest Phase 1 Submission of Development Consent Order Application and Associated Approvals and  
Report to Council 19<sup>th</sup> February 2019 MetroWest Phase 1 Progress on the Submission of the Development Consent Order Application and Associated Approvals

**SIGNATORIES:**

**DECISION MAKER(S):**

Signed:  ..... Executive Member for Planning, Building Control, Highways and Transport

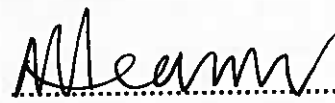
Date: 8th August 2019 .....

**FOLLOWING CONSULTATION WITH:**

Signed:  ..... Executive Member for Finance and Performance

Date: 20/8/19 .....

**With advice from**

Signed:  ..... Assistant Director (Placemaking and Growth) Development and Environment. In accordance with paragraph 1.5 of the Council's constitution (May 2018), officer authorisations and delegations

Date: 15/8/2019 .....

Signed:  ..... Head of Major Projects

Date: 13<sup>th</sup> / 08 / 19 .....