

## Record of officer decision

<b>Decision title:</b>	<b>Variation to public realm annual plan 2019/20 – LTP funding allocation</b>
<b>Date of decision:</b>	14 May 2019
<b>Decision maker:</b>	Acting Director for Economy and Place
<b>Authority for delegated decision:</b>	<p>The authority is for the specified officer to take this decision, in the key decision taken by cabinet member Transport and Regulatory Services in regards to Balfour Beatty Living Places public realm annual plan 2019/2020 on 14 March 2019. The decision included provision that:</p> <p>(a) the acting assistant director highways and transport be authorised to agree, through the contract governance arrangements, final adjustments to the programme and budget allocation to each of the annex and any in year adjustments to the plan.</p> <p>(b) The virement of this value within a directorate is permitted under the councils financial procedure rules to be made by the budget holder</p>
<b>Ward:</b>	Countywide
<b>Consultation:</b>	Deputy s151 officer as required in the financial procedure rules
<b>Decision made:</b>	To delay the commissioning of part of the 2019/2020 annual plan to enable, on a temporary basis, the virement of up to £160,000 of the LTP funding to the delivery of the South Wye Transport Package (SWTP).
<b>Reasons for decision:</b>	<p>The annual plan provides for changes to the plan. The work that will not at this time be planned is resurfacing work. It is hoped that this work can be reprogrammed later in the year when the full final business case (FBC) for the SWTP is approved.</p> <p>If the delivery of the SWTP is to be progressed to programme and key milestones upon which the FBC depends (particularly in regard to land acquisition and construction works), then work will have to be progressed by Balfour Beatty Living Places in advance of the FBC approval. As such, this work will need to be funded from the council's own budgets.</p> <p>The cabinet member decision of 8 March 2019 confirms that in 2019/2020 spend in advance of the final full business case being signed off by DfT will be funded from the Local Transport Plan (LTP) budget. This early work can be funded from the LTP without detriment to service delivery provided that FBC approval is received as anticipated. If these funds are not received then the works will either not be undertaken or will need to be funded from an alternative source.</p>
<b>Highlight any associated risks/finance/legal/equality considerations:</b>	There is a financial risk that there will be insufficient funds to complete the works set out in the annual plan.
<b>Details of any alternative options considered and rejected:</b>	Do nothing; this is not recommended as BBLP are commissioned to deliver in accordance with the current programme for the SWTP and are due payment for work completed and certified in April 2019.

	Fund the SWTP from other budgets and proceed with commissioning all LTP funded works in the 2019/2020 annual plan; this is not recommended as the virement of £160,000 of the LTP funding to the SWTP can be accommodated without compromising the delivery of the annual plan or SWTP, provided that the FBC receives approval by DfT.
<b>Financial Implication</b>	The 2019/20 LTP annual plan programme and budget will not be fully commissioned until the FBC for SWTP has been approved, this to ensure that the LTP funding remains within committed levels. No additional budget is being brought into the annual plan 2019/20 as a consequence of this decision and the SWTP preparatory work is to be progressed by Balfour Beatty Living Places in any case. If the SWTP funds are not available then alternative sources of finance will need to be found or the service specification in the annual plan will need to be changed.
<b>Details of any declarations of interest made:</b>	None

Signed

Date: 14 May 2019

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