

Appendix 7 – Option E

| Option | Summary and Implications |
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| Continue the delivery of the South Wye Transport Package | <p>Scope of works:</p> <p>Initial works have been completed along the route of the SLR which have preserved the planning consent.</p> <p>Completion of the construction of the SLR and the programme of active travel measures would commence sign off of the full final business case by DfT. In this option the full final business case would be submitted Spring 2020 with construction starting later that year.</p> <p>DfT business case development would be completed and submitted. A revised programme and forecast cost for this work would need to be developed including a decision regarding the current SLR contractor procurement given the passage of time. Additional costs may be associated with this procurement process.</p> <p>The costs of completing the business case for submission to DfT will need to be funded from the local contribution element of the SWTP budget from annual plan LTP budget.</p> <p>A further report setting out the cost and funding to complete the business case to a revised programme will be presented to authorise this. In addition, further governance decisions would be required in due course to submit the full business case, award contracts and commence construction.</p> <p>Considerations & Risks:</p> <p>Capital costs to date would not be affected by this decision although it is possible that scheme costs will increase as a result of inflation cost increase associated with the delay to delivery programme.</p> <p>The acquisition of all other land required other than that already purchased for the scheme which is the subject of the confirmed compulsory purchase order would progress following the sign-off of the business case.</p> <p>If the programme extends beyond March 2021 there is the potential that the scheme will only be partially funded and this will need to be discussed with Marches LEP and DfT. The Marches LEP have indicated that it would need confirmation from the council regarding the programme for delivery of the southern link road by September to inform their consideration of this funding.</p> |

