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Decision Number: 19(2023/24)

Portfolio Holder Executive Decision Statement

The Local Authority (Executive Arrangements)(Meetings and Access to Information)(England) Regulations 2012

Subject:

Using officer-allocated CIL money to extend Sevenoaks Urban Area LCWIP route 6 north to Kemsing and Otford.

Details of Decision taken

To approve the use of officer-allocated CIL money to extend Sevenoaks Urban Area LCWIP route 6 north to Kemsing and Otford, following consultation with the Leader, Chairman and Vice Chairman of the CIL Spending Board as required by the Council's CIL governance procedures set out in the November 2021 Cabinet decision.

Reason for Decision

An opportunity has arisen to undertake feasibility and design work on a walking and cycling route connecting Kemsing and Otford with Seal, extending Sevenoaks Urban Area LCWIP route 6 north. The need for the project was identified through recent stakeholder engagement, and will bring significant social and environmental benefits, thus meeting the required criteria.

By adding on this piece of work to that already being undertaken for route 1 and route 6 by Phil Jones Associates, who were appointed following a competitive tender process, costs can be minimised whilst the work is expedited.

All Documents considered:

Fee proposal and proposed schedule of work.

Details of any alternative options considered and rejected by the Member when making the Decision:

We could wait until the next CIL Spending Board at the end of the year to apply for funds to undertake this work, however this would lead to a piecemeal approach to delivering walking and cycling initiatives, likely impacting the Council's chances of

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securing future external funding for construction of the route, and it is likely the cost of the work would be higher as it would not make best use of economies of scale.

Financial implications

The cost of the work, as set out in the fee proposal, is £5,990. The available amount of officer-allocated CIL money is £389,815.02. Therefore there is a sufficient amount of money to cover the cost of the project whilst retaining a healthy reserve for other projects that may arise.

Legal Implications and Risk Assessment Statement

N/A

Equality Impacts (Consideration of impacts under the Public Sector Equality Duty)

The decisions recommended through this paper have a remote or low relevance to the substance of the Equality Act. There is no perceived impact on end users.

Local Member (s), other Portfolio Holders and Chief Officer/Head of Service Consulted

Cllr Julia Thornton (Leader)
Cllr Esler (Chair of the CIL Spending Board)
Cllr Grint (Vice Chair of the CIL Spending Board)
Richard Morris (Deputy Chief Executive and Chief Officer - Planning & Regulatory Services)

Details of any conflicts of interest

a) declared by any executive member who is consulted by the Decision Taker

None

b) and any details of dispensations granted by the Chief Executive in respect of any declared conflict

None

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Decision taken by:	Portfolio Holder for Development & Conservation
Signed by Portfolio Holder	[REDACTED]
Date of Decision	07/03/24
Record made by:	[REDACTED]
Date of record:	12/03/24.

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