

Report to the Chief Officer (Highways and Transportation)

Date: 09 December 2014

Subject: Elland Road Park & Ride ~ S274/278 Agreement(s)

Capital Scheme Number: 16289

Are specific electoral Wards affected? If relevant, name(s) of Ward(s): Beeston & Holbeck; City & Hunslet	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
Are there implications for equality and diversity and cohesion and integration?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
Is the decision eligible for Call-In?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
Does the report contain confidential or exempt information? If relevant, Access to Information Procedure Rule number: Appendix number:	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No

Summary of main issues

1. A Design & Cost Report for Elland Road Park & Ride was submitted 6 November 2013 and subsequently approved by Executive Board (agenda item 122). The report recommended approval to construct the Park and Ride site, associated link road and bus priority at an estimated cost of £2,800,000 and included improvements at the Jack Lane junction.
2. The Elland Road Park & Ride site, which forms part of the Leeds City Council (LCC) approved Masterplan, was constructed in July 2014 and is currently operating at 70% capacity (based on the 420 formally laid out car park spaces). The full site facility includes an informal adjacent overflow area with approximately 400 additional spaces available.
3. Following opening in July 2014, public feedback via several media sources identified that drivers are experiencing difficulty trying to locate the Park & Ride facility due to insufficient signing with particular emphasis on the motorway network. The Transport Assessment, submitted as part of the original planning application concluded that the majority of vehicles using the M621 would exit via Junction 1 and this would not have a significant impact on the local network.

4. Discussions between officers from LCC and the Highways Agency resulted in an agreement to erect 2 signs on the M621 motorway network (eastbound and westbound) in advanced of Junction 1. The proposed sign face text will inform drivers to follow the existing 'Elland Road Stadium' signs and upon exiting at Junction 1 drivers will be directed to the Park & Ride facility via a series of new signs on the LCC network.

Following advice by officers within the LCC Traffic Section the LCC signs faces will include the 'Elland Road Stadium' and 'Park & Ride' text/symbols.

5. Authority is now being sought to instruct the Councils City Solicitor to sign and seal the S274/278 (Highways Act 1980) Legal Agreement(s) supplied by Highways Agency to allow the following works:
 - i) The design, manufacture and installation of 2 no. signs to be erected along the M621 Highways Agency motorway network to provide advanced directional information of the Park & Ride facility (see attached plan).

Recommendations

6. The Chief Officer (Highways and Transportation) is requested to instruct the City Solicitor to affix the Common Seal of the Council to the Agreement to be entered into under the provisions of Section 274/278 of the Highways Act 1980 to allow the Highways Agency to proceed with the works.

1.0 Purpose of this report

- 1.1 This report seeks the authority for the introduction of additional measures to provide advanced directional information of the Elland Road Park & Ride facility along the Highways Agency maintained network. The works include a sign on the eastbound and westbound sections of the M621 motorway in advanced of Jctn 1.
- 1.2 Estimated costs of £70,000 (which include design, manufacture and installation) will be met from the funding as outlined in the Elland Road Park & Ride Design & Cost Report, dated 6th November 2013, Capital Code 16289, subsequently approved by Executive Board (agenda item 122).
- 1.3 A Chief Officer Approval form which reflects these additional costs was approved on 25 November 2014.

2.0 Background information

- 2.1 The Elland Road Park & Ride scheme is a joint funded project between Leeds City Council and The West Yorkshire Combined Authority (formerly Metro). It includes a new 300m (approx.) Access Road which will be part Public Highway part Private and maintained by Leeds City Council.

3.0 Main issues

- 3.1 **Design Proposals and Full Scheme Description.**

3.1.1 The additional measures will consist of the following:

The design, manufacture and installation of 2 no. signs, erected along the Highways Agency maintained M621 motorway network to provide drivers with advanced directional information of the Park & Ride facility.

4.0 Programme.

The eastbound sign is in the final stages of completion; the westbound is in the design stage with installation being subject to the availability of Highways Agency resources.

5.0 Corporate Considerations

5.1 Consultation and Engagement

5.1.1 None required by LCC.

5.2 Equality and Diversity / Cohesion and Integration

5.2.1 An Equality and Diversity / Cohesion and Integration screening document was submitted with the Elland Road Design & Cost report which determined that an impact assessment was not necessary. Assessment of the additional measures concluded that no further action is required.

5.2.2 No further action is deemed necessary for the proposed measures contained within this report.

5.3 Council policies and City Priorities

5.3.1 The proposals are consistent with the strategy and policies set out in the West Yorkshire Local Transport Plan 2011-2016 Local Implementation Plan 2.

6.0 Resources and value for money

6.1 The £70,000 estimated costs for the additional signs will be met from the £2,800,000 Elland Road Park & Ride approved budget.

7.0 Capital Funding and Cash Flow.

7.1 The £2,800,000 Elland Road Park & Ride budget is funded from the LTP Transport Policy Capital Programme £2,350,000, a capital receipt of £275,000 towards the link road from the proposed Ice Rink and Section 106 public transport contributions £175,000.

8.0 Legal Implications, Access to Information and Call In

8.1 The S274/278 Agreement refer to the Highways Act 1980. It requires the Council to meet certain conditions with specific reference to future signs

maintenance and replacement costs along a third party maintained network (Highways Agency).

9.0 Risk Management

- 9.1 The additional signs represent a balanced and positive response by the Council to customer feedback and provide the opportunity to promote increased growth of the Elland Road Park & Ride facility, contributing to a reduction in City Centre congestion.
- 9.2 The S274/278 Agreement states that Leeds City Council will be responsible for the future maintenance and replacement of the signs, including third party damage.

10.0 Conclusions

- 10.1 Permission is sought to authorise the City Solicitor to sign and seal the S274/278 Agreement(s) to allow the Highways Agency to proceed with the works.

11.0 Recommendations

- 11.1 The Chief Officer (Highways and Transportation) is requested to instruct the City Solicitor to affix the Common Seal of the Council to the Agreement to be entered into under the provisions of Section 274/278 of the Highways Act 1980 to allow the Highways Agency to proceed with the works.

12.0 Background documents¹

- 12.1 None

¹ The background documents listed in this section are available to download from the Council's website, unless they contain confidential or exempt information. The list of background documents does not include published works.