

**Report to the Chief Officer (Highways and Transportation)**

**Date: 19 July 2016**

**Subject: Temple Green Park & Ride ~ S274/278 Agreement(s)**

**Capital Scheme Number: 32082**

Are specific electoral Wards affected?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
If relevant, name(s) of Ward(s): Burmantofts & Richmond Hill		
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?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
If relevant, Access to Information Procedure Rule number:		
Appendix number:		

**Summary of main issues**

1. A Design & Cost Report for Temple Green Park & Ride was approved by Leeds City Council (LCC) Executive board on 15 July 2015. The report recommended approval to construct the Park and Ride site, subject to Gateway 3 funding approval from West Yorkshire Combined Authority (WYCA) at an estimated cost of £9,741,000 and included improvements to the A63 Pontefract Lane. The funding has subsequently been approved by WYCA.
2. As part of the signing strategy it is necessary to introduce signing on the motorway network, details of which have broadly been agreed in principle with Highways England.
3. Authority is now being sought to instruct the Council's City Solicitor to enter into and seal the S274/278 (Highways Act 1980) Legal Agreement(s) supplied by Highways England to allow the following works:
  - i) The design, manufacture and installation of 5 no. signs to be erected along the M1, A1(M) and A64 Highways England motorway network to provide advanced directional information of the Park & Ride facility (see attached plans).

## **Recommendations**

- 4 The Chief Officer (Highways and Transportation) is requested to give authority to negotiate the terms of and enter into agreements with Highways England under the provision of section 278/274 of the Highways Act 1980; whereby the design, manufacture and installation will be carried out by Highways England.

### **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 Temple Green Park & Ride facility along the Highways England maintained network. The works include a sign on the northbound and southbound sections of the M1 motorway in advance of Junction 45. A sign before and after Junction 44 on the A1(M) and a sign on the A64.
- 1.2 The estimated cost of £275,000 for the design, manufacture and installation will be met from the previously approved capital scheme for £9.741m fully funded by the West Yorkshire Transport Fund, which was approved by WYCA on the 23<sup>rd</sup> June 2016.

### **2.0 Background information**

- 2.1 Park and Ride provides sustainable transport options and parking capacity for the growth in the city centre as outlined in the emerging Local Development Framework, West Yorkshire Local Transport Plan (LTP3) and associated Leeds Local Implementation Plan, and City Centre Commuter Car Parking Policy (CCCCP1).
- 2.2 It is anticipated the Temple Green Park & Ride site, which forms part of the LCC approved Masterplan, will be constructed during 2016/17 financial year. The proposed full site facility includes 1000 parking spaces.
- 2.3 The Transport Assessment submitted as part of the original planning application concluded that the majority of vehicles using the M1 would exit via Junction 45 and this would not have a significant impact on the local network when the additional left turn lane is added to the A63 between junction 45 and Bellwood Roundabout.
- 2.4 Discussions between officers from LCC and the Highways England resulted in an agreement to introduce signs on the M1 motorway network (northbound and southbound) in advance of Junction 45. As well as signs on the A1(M) and A64 the proposed signs will inform drivers to exit the M1 at junction 45 and upon exiting drivers will be directed to the Park & Ride facility via a series of new signs on the LCC network.

### **3.0 Main issues**

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

3.1.1 The measures will consist of the following:

The design, manufacture and installation of 5 no. signs, erected along the Highways England maintained M1, A1(M) and A64 Road network to provide drivers with advanced directional information of the Park & Ride facility, signs 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5 as shown on the attached plans EP/732082/MIS/94 and EP/732082/MIS/95.

3.1.2 Highways England have agreed to the implementation of signs 6 and 7 as part of Highways Englands junction improvement works planned for 2017. In the interim Highways England have agreed to erect temporary signs similar to signs 6 and 7 on a yellow backing.

3.1.3 Signs 8 to 12 will be delivered through LCC's main park and ride contract.

#### **4.0 Programme.**

4.1 It is intended that all works are carried out and completed during 2016/17 financial year.

### **5.0 Corporate Considerations**

#### **5.1 Consultation and Engagement**

5.1.1 The Temple Green Executive Board report dated 15<sup>th</sup> July 2015 includes reference to consultation and engagement with Ward Members, WYCA and other Stakeholders with respect to the Park & Ride Master plan and proposals.

5.1.2 Highways England and LCC Traffic team have been consulted about the signing requirements to which all agree in principle.

#### **5.2 Equality and Diversity / Cohesion and Integration**

5.2.1 An Equality and Diversity / Cohesion and Integration screening document was submitted with the Temple Green Park and Ride Executive Board 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 Park and Ride provides sustainable transport options and parking capacity for the growth in the city centre as outlined in the emerging Local

Development Framework, West Yorkshire Local Transport Plan (LTP3) and associated Leeds Local Implementation Plan, and City Centre Commuter Car Parking Policy (CCCCP1).

## **6.0 Resources and value for money**

- 6.1 The £275,000 estimated costs will be met from the recently approved £9,741,000 Temple Green Park & Ride budget allocation from West Yorkshire Transport Fund.

## **7.0 Capital Funding and Cash Flow**

- 7.1 The £9,741,000 Temple Green Park & Ride Capital budget will be funded by the West Yorkshire Combined Authority.

## **8.0 Legal Implications, Access to Information and Call In**

- 8.1 The S274/278 Agreement refer to the Highways Act 1980. It requires Highways England to meet certain conditions with specific reference to cover future maintenance and any replacement of the proposed signs for the next 60 years on a third party maintained network.

## **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 Temple Green Park & Ride facility, contributing to a reduction in City Centre congestion.
- 9.2 Through the S274/278 Agreement Highways England will be responsible for the future maintenance and replacement of the signs, including third party damage over the next 60 years.

## **10.0 Conclusions**

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

## **11.0 Recommendations**

- 11.1 The Chief Officer (Highways and Transportation) is requested to give authority to negotiate the terms of and enter into agreements with Highways England under the provision of section 278/274 of the Highways Act 1980; whereby the design, manufacture and installation will be carried out by Highways England.

## **12.0 Background documents<sup>1</sup>**

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<sup>1</sup> 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

12.1 None.

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does not include published works.

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