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**REPORT OF DIRECTOR OF CITY DEVELOPMENT**

**EXECUTIVE BOARD**

**DATE: 22 JULY 2009**

**Subject: Design & Cost Report**

**Scheme Title: A639 STOURTON LANDSLIP**  
**Capital Scheme Number: 14709**

**Electoral Wards Affected:**  
 City & Hunslet  
 Rothwell

**Specific Implications For:**

- Equality and Diversity
- Community Cohesion
- Narrowing the Gap

Eligible for Call In

Not Eligible for Call In  
 (Details contained in the report)

**Executive Summary**

Leeds City Council has been working with Arla Foods Ltd, for almost 18 months, to determine an acceptable long term solution to the problems caused by the instability of the A639 highway in the vicinity of the Leeds Valley Park roundabout.

The Executive Board is recommended to approve expenditure of £1,500,000 to complete the design and implementation of the works, as shown on drawing TS/299067/GA/01.

**1.0 PURPOSE OF THIS REPORT**

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to seek authority to complete the design and implementation of works to overcome a stability problem on the A639 near Leeds Valley Park Roundabout resulting from a landslide.
- 1.2 To seek authority to incur expenditure of £1,500,000 comprising £1,200,000 works and £300,000 staff costs in addition to the £518,100 previously approved.

- 1.3 To note that a separate report will be submitted to the Chief Officer (Highways & Transportation) seeking approval for the advertising and sealing of Traffic Regulation Orders necessary to implement the proposed measures.

## **2.0 IMPLICATIONS FOR COUNCIL POLICY AND GOVERNANCE**

### **2.1 Compliance with Council Policies**

- 2.1.2 The report is confidential under Access to Information Rules 10.4.3 and 10.4.5 because publication of this report could prejudice the City Council's commercial interests and the City Council's legal interests in maintaining legal professional privilege during legal proceedings. In these circumstances it is considered that the public interest in not disclosing information outweighs the interests of disclosure.
- 2.1.3 Leeds Strategic Plan: The measures are in accordance with the Strategic Outcomes for Transport of improving the condition of the streets and transport infrastructure by carrying out a major programme of maintenance and improvement.
- 2.1.4 Health and Safety Policy: The remedial measures are in accordance with the Health and Safety policy of taking all reasonable steps to provide safe and healthy conditions for all who may be affected by the Council's activities, and deliver safe services in a safe manner.
- 2.1.5 There are no specific implications for ethnic minorities, women or disabled people.

## **3.0 Conclusions**

- 3.1 The current situation on the A639 is not acceptable in the long term and carries the risk of a further deterioration in its condition. It is imperative that the highway re-alignment option, the preferred option, is implemented as soon as possible to ensure that the Council complies with its legal obligations as Highway Authority by minimising risk to all road users, safeguarding the integrity of the highway infrastructure and securing a long term solution to the current problems.

## **4.0 Recommendations**

- 4.1 The Executive Board is requested to:

(i) give authority for the design and implementation of the highway works, as shown on drawing TS/299067/GA/01, to overcome a stability problem on the A639 near Leeds Valley Park Roundabout resulting from a landslip,

(ii) give approval to incur expenditure of £1,500,000 comprising £1,200,000 works and £300,000 staff costs in addition to the £518,100 fees previously approved as detailed in the recommendation of the accompanying confidential appendix,

(iii) progress this matter as proposed in the recommendation of the accompanying confidential appendix.

## **Background Papers**

Report of the Director of City Development to the Executive Board – 1 April 2009