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REPORT OF DIRECTOR OF CITY DEVELOPMENT

EXECUTIVE BOARD

DATE: 01 APRIL 09

Subject:	Design & Cost Report
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Scheme Title: A639 STOURTON LANDSLIP
Capital Scheme Number: 14709

<p>Electoral Wards Affected: City & Hunslet Rothwell</p>

Specific Implications For:	
Equality and Diversity	<input type="checkbox"/>
Community Cohesion	<input type="checkbox"/>
Narrowing the Gap	<input type="checkbox"/>

Eligible for Call In

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

Executive Summary

A number of landslips have occurred on the A639 highway embankment in the vicinity of the Leeds Valley Park Roundabout since August 2007. Despite some immediate corrective measures the existing A639 continues to suffer from necessary lane restrictions and this substantial embankment remains unstable and at risk of further slips.

A permanent long term solution to the problems caused by the instability of the embankment is required and in order to develop in detail options for this solution further specialist design work is required.

Executive Board is recommended to approve further expenditure of £245,000 to allow the completion of viable design options.

1.0 PURPOSE OF THIS REPORT

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to seek authority to incur further expenditure of £245,000 to develop options to rectify a stability problem on the A639 near Leeds Valley Park Roundabout resulting from a landslide.
- 1.2 A further report will be submitted to Executive Board once a preferred option has been developed.

2.0 IMPLICATIONS FOR COUNCIL POLICY AND GOVERNANCE

2.1 Compliance with Council Policies

- 2.1.1 Appendix 1 to 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. Sensitive negotiations have already commenced with the private sector to establish liability and hence cost for the procurement of a long term solution to the problem of instability of the A639 embankment. In these circumstances it is considered that the public interest in not disclosing information outweighs the interests of disclosure
- 2.1.2 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.
- 2.1.3 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.
- 2.1.4 There are no specific implications for ethnic minorities, women or disabled people.

3. 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 conditions. It is imperative that further design work is carried out to determine the viability of options for a long term solution.

4 Recommendations

- 4.1 The Executive Board is requested to give authority to incur additional expenditure of £245,000, to enable the continuation of design options for a solution to the problems on A639 in the vicinity of the Leeds Valley Park Roundabout resulting from a landslide, to be funded from Contingency Scheme No 01371 within the approved Capital Programme.