

ACTION TAKEN BY THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE ON THE GROUNDS OF URGENCY

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1.0 ISSUE

1.1. To note the action taken by the Chief Executive on the grounds of urgency.

2.0 RECOMMENDATION(S)

2.1. That the action taken by the Chief Executive on grounds of urgency be noted.

3.0 BACKGROUND/OPTIONS

(a) A14 Cambridge to Huntingdon Improvement Scheme Contribution

3.1. The Council has a long outstanding commitment to pay the Department for Transport £2,050,000 (including our element of the Cambridgeshire Horizons share) as our contribution to the A14 Cambridge to Huntingdon Improvement Scheme. This was initially intended to be paid at £82,000 per year over 25 years and has been built into the budget on this basis. However, the Council has now been offered the opportunity to make a one-off discounted payment of around £1,273,000 (final value to be determined at the point the agreement is put in place), if agreed prior to the 1st March 2023.

3.2. The decision on the grounds of urgency enables the Council to take advantage of this opportunity to make a one-off payment and signs-up to make this in March 2023. [It should be noted that the Council already holds £1,050,000 of Cambridgeshire Horizons money for this purpose.]

3.3. Under the Constitution, the Chief Executive is required to consult with the Leader of the Council prior to delegated decisions being made and subsequently inform the Chairman of Council and Leaders of the other Political Groups on the Council

4.0 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS / EQUALITY IMPACT STATEMENT / CARBON IMPACT ASSESSMENT

4.1. There are no additional financial implications.

4.2. Equality Impact Assessment not required for the purposes of this report.

5.0 APPENDICES

None

Background Documents:

Urgent Action Memo dated: 23 February 2023