

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE
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PLACES TO RIDE APPLICATION UPDATE – EXEMPT APPENDIX

This report contains information relating to the financial or business affairs of a particular person (including the authority holding that information) which is a category of exempt information under Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972, Paragraph 3 under which the Committee has the power to exclude the press and public if it so wishes.

RECOMMENDED that under Section 100(A) of the Local Government Act 1972, the press and public be excluded from the meeting during discussion of this item of business on the grounds that it involves the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in Paragraph 3 of Schedule 12A of the Act and that the public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighs the public interest in disclosing the information.

It is considered that the need to treat the information in this report as exempt outweighs the public interest in disclosure because it contains an embargo on publication of confirmation and ultimate receipt of grant funding pending completion of legal agreements.

1.0 Update

- 1.1 The notification referred to in the main report from Sport England/British Cycling has confirmed that the Council's Stage Two application and business plan had been successful and that the Places to Ride Board had approved a conditional Exchequer capital award of the full £150,000 towards the project. We have received the draft Award Agreement and Terms from Sport England/British Cycling and referred them to our Legal and Finance teams to check that we are content with them and that they will enable us to proceed with the project as intended. We have one month from 3 March 2021 within which to do this.
- 1.2 Any public announcement about the award is still embargoed until the Award Agreement and Terms have been formally accepted by ourselves and returned to Sport England.

2.0 Equalities Implications

- 2.1 A key feature of the proposed scheme is that it will be fully accessible and inclusive in line with its purpose to promote recreational cycling for all.

3.0 Digital Implications

- 3.1 In developing the scheme, we will consider potential links with the forthcoming 5G 'Connected Forest' hubs at Thoresby Vale and Forest Corner.

4.0 Financial Implications (FIN20-21/8920)

- 4.1 It is anticipated that Harworth Group PLC will deliver the project and the Council will passport the £150,000 grant funding to contribute to the scheme. Whilst this would not be Council

expenditure, it is still capital in nature and would therefore need to be added to the Council's Capital Programme.

- 4.2 Further to the decision of the Economic Development Committee in January 2021, a report recommending that the scheme be added to the Council's Capital programme will be presented to the meeting of the Policy & Finance Committee on 1 April 2021.

5.0 Community Plan – Alignment to Objectives

- 5.1 The aims of the scheme align clearly with our vision in the Community Plan 2020-23 (“...to enable local residents and businesses to flourish and fulfil their potential as well as encouraging more visitors to enjoy all that Newark and Sherwood has to offer”) and the objective to “Improve the health and wellbeing of local residents”.