

REPORT TO CABINET

Open		Would any decisions proposed:			
Any especially affected Wards	Discretionary	Be entirely within Cabinet's powers to decide		YES/NO	
		Need to be recommendations to Council		YES/NO	
		Is it a Key Decision		YES/NO	
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Lead Officer: Lorraine Gore E-mail: Lorraine.gore@west-norfolk.gov.uk		Other Members consulted:			
Other Officers consulted: Duncan Hall, Jemma Curtis					
Financial Implications NO	Policy/ Personnel Implications NO	Statutory Implications NO	Equal Impact Assessment NO If YES: Pre-screening	Risk Management Implications NO	Environmental Considerations YES

Date of meeting: 24 June 2022

NORFOLK COUNTY COUNCIL LEVELLING UP FUND TRANSPORT APPLICATION

Summary

This report provides an overview of Norfolk County Council's proposed application under the Transport strand of round 2 of the Levelling Up Fund. This report sets out the proposed scheme to be submitted by 6 July 2022 and seeks Borough Council support for the application.

Recommendations

1. Cabinet endorses the application being made by Norfolk County Council (appendix 1) and provides a letter of support.
2. In principle support to provide a land value contribution to the scheme, subject to a further report to cabinet once details of the scheme and land required is confirmed, if the application by Norfolk County Council is successful.

Reason for Decision

To secure investment to deliver transformation improvements at the Southgates and the Gyratory which are key gateways into King's Lynn and to support delivery of priorities set out in the King's Lynn Town Investment Plan.

1 Background

- 1.1 In March 2022, the government launched round 2 of the Levelling Up Fund (LUF), designed to invest in infrastructure that improves everyday life across the UK. The £4.8 billion fund will support town centre and high street regeneration, local transport projects, and cultural and heritage assets. Upper tier authorities can apply under a separate 'Transport only' strand of LUF for up to £50m. Transport schemes are expected to deliver or improve cycling and walking infrastructure and include bus priority measures.
- 1.2 Norfolk County Council's proposed submission is proposed to include the Gyratory and Southgates schemes which have been under development as part of the King's Lynn Town Investment Plan and Heritage Action Zone programme. Details of the rationale and approach for the application are set out in appendix 1. If the application is successful, the scheme will provide highways, public transport cycling, walking and public realm infrastructure to support the wider redevelopment and regeneration of the 2 key gateways to the town centre.

2 Policy Implications

- 2.1 The scheme is inline with the Town Investment Plan mission to provide a sustainably connected town, through reduced congestion and better connectivity between the town, its catchment area and residential growth areas, creating safer walking and cycling routes.
- 2.2 The Gyratory scheme is an approved project under the original Town Deal Heads of Terms offer from government under the Active & Clean Connectivity (ACC) Programme. Detailed feasibility has been undertaken by NCC and consultants WSP to develop the scheme over the last year. It was agreed by the Town Deal Board and Cabinet (8 June 2022 report refers) as part of the reprioritization exercise to remove this project from the ACC Town Deal programme and explore other alternative funding sources. This is subject to approval by DLUCH which is expected at the end of June / early July.
- 2.3 The Southgate element of the proposal has been developed through the wider Southgates masterplanning that is underway as part of the Heritage Action Zone programme. Consultants BDP has been commissioned by the Borough Council to prepare a holistic and transformational masterplan and vision for the area. Masterplan options has been developed through a review of work to date, site constraints, government policy on active travel and net zero and stakeholder engagement. A preferred option has been developed which the LUF scheme is based on and will be subject to wider public consultation in the Autumn.
- 2.4 The scheme is strongly aligned with the Corporate Business Plan Vision for;

West Norfolk is a place where:

- businesses and people can flourish
- communities are active and healthy
- residents and visitors can access fulfilling cultural, leisure and sporting activities
- a good quality of life and environment are available to all

The Scheme directly and indirectly supports objectives to;

- Deliver growth in the economy and with local housing
- Create and maintain good quality places that make a positive difference to people's lives.
- deliver on our commitment to be carbon neutral by 2035, or earlier, by implementing the council's carbon reduction strategy and encourage and collaborate with our partners, communities and local businesses to reduce their environmental impact

- 2.5 Supporting NCC's proposal is in line with the Council's aims and objectives set out in the Climate Change Strategy and Action Plan and respond positively to the Climate Change emergency that has been declared by the Council.

5 Financial Implications

- 5.1 There is no direct financial implication to the Borough Council at this stage. Subject to the outcome of the application, a further report will be brought back to cabinet on the implications of the proposal on the Council's land holdings in the area. Norfolk County Council have requested a land contribution to the scheme.

6 Personnel Implications

None for the Borough Council

7 Environmental Considerations

- 7.1 Government policy and bids must demonstrate the importance of consideration to net zero in the development and delivery of all projects, consider promoting clean growth investment to deliver decarbonisation, improved air quality and health and economic growth objectives in their design, to contribute to the council's Climate Change policy and move towards carbon reduction.

8 Statutory Considerations

None for the Borough Council

9 Equality Impact Assessment (EIA)

- 9.1 Equality Impact Assessment pre-screening form is attached to this report. This shows that a full impact assessment is not required at this stage.

10 Risk Management Implications

None for the Borough Council

11 Declarations of Interest / Dispensations Granted

12 Appendices

Appendix 1 – Norfolk County Council Cabinet Report

13 Background Papers

Levelling Up Fund Prospectus, April 2022 [Levelling Up Fund Round 2: prospectus - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](#)

King's Lynn Town Investment Plan, 2021

King's Lynn Town Deal Update Cabinet Report, 8 June 2022

Southgates Masterplanning Cabinet Report, 15 June 2021

**Pre-Screening Equality Impact
Assessment**

Borough Council of
**King's Lynn &
West Norfolk**



Name of policy/service/function	King's Lynn Town Deal				
Is this a new or existing policy/service/function?	Existing				
Brief summary/description of the main aims of the policy/service/function being screened. Please state if this policy/service is rigidly constrained by statutory obligations	Submission of a funding application to a national competitive funding programme for project(s) that would support the government's levelling up agenda.				
Question	Answer				
<p>1. Is there any reason to believe that the policy/service/function could have a specific impact on people from one or more of the following groups according to their different protected characteristic, for example, because they have particular needs, experiences, issues or priorities or in terms of ability to access the service?</p> <p>Please tick the relevant box for each group.</p> <p>NB. Equality neutral means no negative impact on any group.</p>		Positive	Negative	Neutral	Unsure
	Age			✓	
	Disability	✓			
	Gender			✓	
	Gender Re-assignment			✓	
	Marriage/civil partnership			✓	
	Pregnancy & maternity			✓	
	Race			✓	
	Religion or belief			✓	
	Sexual orientation			✓	
	Other (eg low income)	✓			

Question	Answer	Comments
<p>2. Is the proposed policy/service likely to affect relations between certain equality communities or to damage relations between the equality communities and the Council, for example because it is seen as favouring a particular community or denying opportunities to another?</p>	No	
<p>3. Could this policy/service be perceived as impacting on communities differently?</p>	No	
<p>4. Is the policy/service specifically designed to tackle evidence of disadvantage or potential discrimination?</p>	Yes	One of the primary aims of levelling up is to improve the health and well being, skills and job opportunities of residents and support the economic growth of the local area.
<p>5. Are any impacts identified above minor and if so, can these be eliminated or reduced by minor actions?</p> <p>If yes, please agree actions with a member of the Corporate Equalities Working Group and list agreed actions in the comments section</p>	No	<p>Actions:</p>
		<p>Actions agreed by EWG member:</p> <p>.....</p>
<p>If 'yes' to questions 2 - 4 a full impact assessment will be required unless comments are provided to explain why this is not felt necessary:</p> <p>Decision agreed by EWG member:</p>		
<p>Assessment completed by:</p> <p>Name</p>	Jemma Curtis	
<p>Job title</p>	Regeneration Programme Manager	
<p>Date</p>	27.05.2022	