

Individual Executive Decision Notice

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| Report title | RTCC: Highway Improvement Scheme | |
| Decision designation | GREEN | |
| Cabinet member with lead responsibility | Councillor Steve Evans City Environment and Climate Change | |
| Wards affected | All | |
| Accountable director | Ross Cook, City Housing and Environment | |
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Summary

This report seeks approval to enter into collaboration agreements with Transport for West Midlands to implement a CCTV upgrade programme, proposed as part of the Highway Investment Strategy, and details the sharing arrangement for CCTV data between the council's Urban Traffic Control Centre and the Regional Transport Coordination Centre.

Recommendations for decision:

That the Cabinet Member for City Environment and Climate Change, in consultation with the Director of City Housing and Environment approve:

1. The execution of the legal agreements relating to the grant arrangements with West Midlands Combined Authority; and
2. the capital budgets to deliver this project.

Councillor Steve Evans
Cabinet Member for City Environment
and Climate Change
Date: 15 November 2021

Ross Cook
Director of City Housing and Environment
Date: 15 November 2021

1.0 Background

- 1.1 Approval to deliver this project was granted by Cabinet, as part of the Transportation Capital Programme 2021-2022, on 16 June 2021, subject to an IEDN outlining the funding arrangements.
- 1.2 Recommendation 5 of the Transport Capital Programme report was approved by Cabinet on 16 June 2021 which states: "Authorise the Cabinet Member for City Environment and Climate Change, in consultation with the Director of City Housing and Environment to approve, through an Individual Executive Decision Notice, implementation of the projects on the list marked 'IEDN' in the 'Decision' column of Appendices 3 and 4, subject to the satisfactory outcome of public consultation, availability of funding and any other relevant considerations."

2.0 Report Detail

- 2.1 Following a call for projects by Transport for West Midlands as part of the Highway Investment Strategy, CWC submitted an expression of interest (EOI) to upgrade twenty aging CCTV cameras across the Key Route Network.
- 2.2 TfWM considered the proposal and expressed an interest to incorporate implementing a direct link between the UTC Centre and the RTCC to share CCTV data.
- 2.3 It was agreed that the CCTV data could be shared via a new communication fibre installed by TfWM and the shared data would be 'view only'; the RTCC would have no control over the cameras and as such protects and simplifies Wolverhampton's role as data owner. A data sharing agreement has also been developed and approved covering this aspect of the work.
- 2.4 This aspect of work was subsequently incorporated into the EOI and the proposal submitted for consideration by The Resilience Delivery Board (See Appendix A).
- 2.5 The EOI was approved by The Resilience Delivery Board on 22 April 2021 subject to a number of conditions:
 - City of Wolverhampton Council to provide evidence of recoverable fees by including timesheets with its claims clearly show the billable fees for each location.
 - The funding to City of Wolverhampton Council will require the RTCC link to be prioritised and delivered within the early phases of the work.
 - A TfWM approved programme of works will be required prior to the commencement of works and payments can be made in phases subject to satisfactory demonstration to TfWM of progress or completion of said phases.
- 2.6 Following the offer from TfWM it was hoped that the existing Funding Agreement for the Black Country could be used to cover this work. Unfortunately, it was

determined that a separate legal agreement would need to be put in place directly between TfWM and CWC.

- 2.7 A Legal Agreement has been drafted by TfWM and submitted for CWC consideration. (See Appendix B).

3.0 Evaluation of alternative options

- 3.1 An alternative approach for the upgrade of the existing CCTV cameras would require CWC to find additional resources to implement the programme. The level of resource is not readily available and as such there is no viable alternative for further consideration.

4.0 Reasons for decision(s)

- 4.1 This decision is required to provide the appropriate authority for City of Wolverhampton Council to enter into the legal agreement with Transport for West Midlands.

5.0 Financial implications

- 5.1 In accordance with the delegation, granted by Cabinet 16 June 2021, this report seeks approval for capital budgets of £231,000 for CCTV upgrade and RTCC link works. This will be fully funded through the Transforming Cities Fund grant provided by TfWM and delivered in accordance with the grant terms and conditions set out in the grant agreement.
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6 Legal implications

- 6.1 As detailed in the body of the report and subject to approval, the Council will enter into a Grant Agreement with West Midlands Combined Authority for the purpose of upgrading its CCTV. The grant is for a definite period of time and the extent of the project has been agreed within this timeframe together with a programme of works.
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7.0 Equalities implications

- 7.1 There are no equalities implications arising from the implementation of this scheme.

8.0 Environmental implications

- 8.1 The ability to respond effectively to incidents occurring across the network and view traffic movements enables improved traffic flow and contributes towards reduced congestion and disruption. Managing the network in this way results in an

improvement in air quality and provides wider environmental safety for highway users.

9.0 Human resources implications

9.1 The delivery of the project as proposed will fully commit the existing employee resources available.

10.0 Corporate landlord implications

10.1 There are no corporate landlord implications.

11.0 Health and Wellbeing implications

11.1 The upgrade of the CCTV infrastructure as outlined will significantly improve the service provided by UTC, enhancing their ability to view the highway network and respond effectively to incidents occurring, thus effectively discharging the Network Management Duty.

12.0 Schedule of background papers

12.1 Cabinet, 16 June 2021 – Agenda item 10 – Transportation Capital Programme 2021-2022.

13.0 Appendices

13.1 Appendix A – Expression of Interest

13.2 Appendix B – Draft Legal Agreement