

## Meeting of the City Council

### 18 September 2019

<b>Report title</b>	i54 Western Extension – Phases 4 & 5 Budget Approval	
<b>Referring body</b>	Cabinet, 11 September 2019	
<b>Councillor to present report</b>	Councillor Harman Banger	
<b>Wards affected</b>	Oxley, Bushbury North	
<b>Cabinet Member with lead responsibility</b>	Councillor Harman Banger City Economy	
<b>Accountable director</b>	Richard Lawrence, Director of Regeneration	
<b>Originating service</b>	City Development	
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<b>Report to be/has been considered by</b>	Cabinet	11 September 2019

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#### Recommendations for decision:

The Council is recommended to:

1. Approve the capital budget for the remaining phases of the i54 Western Extension programme of £22.75 million and the associated funding strategy outlined in the Cabinet report of 11 September 2019.
2. Delegate authority to the Cabinet Members for City Economy and Resources, in consultation with the Director of Regeneration and Director of Finance, to approve any variations to the i54 Western Extension supplementary budgets in the event of any changes to external funding sources.

## **1.0 Purpose**

- 1.1 In January 2019, Cabinet approved a funding strategy and budget for the following Phases of work to bring forward i54 Western Extension: Phase 1 Site Clearance and Ecological Habitat Work, Phase 2 Access Road and Services Corridor, Phase 3 Bridleway Diversion.
- 1.2 With all key Funding and Delivery Agreements in place the Access Road Contract encompassing the above Phases commenced in June and good progress is being made and is on track for completion next Spring.
- 1.3 Approval is sought to progress the next phases of work comprising: Phase 4 Services Reservations, Phase 5a Green Infrastructure Zone 1, Phase 5b Platform Preparations, Phase 5c Green Infrastructure Zone 2.
- 1.4 The next contract is programmed to commence June 2020 which would see development plots prepared and serviced for disposal from late 2021 onwards.

## **2.0 Background**

- 2.1 On 11 September 2019, Cabinet will consider a report on i54 Western Extension – Phases 4 & 5 Budget Approval.
- 2.2 Copies of the report have been supplied to Councillors and can also be accessed online on the Council's website [here](#).

Councillors are asked to refer to the report when considering the recommendations from Cabinet.

- 2.3 Cabinet has been recommended to recommend that Council:
  1. Approve the capital budget for the remaining phases of the i54 Western Extension programme of £22.75 million and the associated funding strategy outlined in the Cabinet report of 11 September 2019.
  2. Delegate authority to the Cabinet Members for City Economy and Resources, in consultation with the Director of Regeneration and Director of Finance, to approve any variations to the i54 Western Extension supplementary budgets in the event of any changes to external funding sources.

## **3.0 Financial implications**

- 3.1 The financial implications are detailed in the Cabinet report of 11 September 2019.

## **4.0 Legal implications**

- 4.1 The legal implications are detailed in the Cabinet report of 11 September 2019.

## **5.0 Equalities implications**

5.1 The equalities implications are detailed in the Cabinet report of 11 September 2019.

## **6.0 Climate change and environmental implications**

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## **7.0 Human resources implications**

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## **8.0 Corporate Landlord implications**

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## **9.0 Schedule of background papers**

9.1 Cabinet report of 11 September 2019.