

WORCESTERSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

RECORD OF OFFICER EXECUTIVE DECISION

Item	Outcome
Date of Decision	5 July 2023
Decision Maker	John Hobbs – Strategic Director for Economy and Infrastructure
Brief Description of Decision	Approval to award construction contracts and enter into any other agreements necessary to progress delivery of the Kepax Bridge scheme within the agreed funding envelope
Reason(s) For Decision	<p>The decision is necessary to progress the delivery of the scheme in accordance with the decision made by Cabinet on 22 September 2022. Cabinet authorised the Strategic Director for Economy and Infrastructure to award construction contracts within the funding envelope available which was £17.6m. This comprised £15.9m (for core costs eg design, land acquisition, materials, supervision, labour etc) from sources identified in the Capital Programme, and £1.7m (to cover the Quantitative Risk Assessment) from Economy and Infrastructure resources.</p> <p>It was not possible to award the main construction contract immediately following Cabinet largely due to uncertainty in the steel market, however, enabling work progressed in accordance with previous Cabinet approvals. During the enabling works, some costs identified within the Quantitative Risk Assessment (QRA) were realised and some risk was moved from the QRA to the core costs. As such the core costs have increased (to £17m) and the QRA has been reduced correspondingly.</p> <p>The total estimated cost of the scheme remains within the funding envelope approved by Cabinet.</p> <p>Having consulted the Cabinet Member with Responsibility for Economy, Infrastructure and Skills, in furtherance of the</p>

	authority delegated to me by Cabinet, I hereby approve the award of construction contracts and entry into any other such agreements as are necessary to progress the scheme.
Alternative Options Considered and Rejected	The scheme cannot be progressed without this decision being made.
Joint Equality, Public Health, Data Protection and Sustainability Impact Assessments carried out	Full Equality, Public Health, Data Protection and Sustainability Impact Assessments have been carried out. No negative impacts have been identified for Protected Groups and other impacts can be satisfactorily mitigated through existing policies and procedures.
Any Conflict of Interest declared by a consulted Cabinet Member/ any dispensation granted	None
Reference	05/2023



Signed

John Hobbs - Strategic Director for Economy and Infrastructure

Date 05/07/2023