

Record of Executive Decision made by Cabinet

ITEM:	Franche Road and Wolverley Road Highway Improvements
Cabinet Members Present:	Councillors Simon Geraghty (Chairman), Marc Bayliss, David Chambers, Marcus Hart, Adam Kent, Steve Mackay, Karen May, Richard Morris, David Ross and Emma Stokes.
Date of Decision:	26 September 2024
Purpose:	To consider highway improvements to Franche Road and Wolverley Road.
DECISION:	<p>Cabinet:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Noted the overall concept of the Franche Road footway widening and Wolverley Road controlled crossing and progress made to date; b) Supported the continued progress and notes the further work required to finalise the project deliverables, especially in terms of land acquisitions; c) Approved the acquisition of land required to deliver the Franche Road footway widening proposals, and delegated authority to the Strategic Director of Economy and Infrastructure in consultation with the Cabinet Member with Responsibility for Highways and Transport to agree the extent of land and rights to be acquired and to complete the acquisition(s); d) Authorised the Strategic Director for Economy and Infrastructure to take all necessary steps to prepare a Compulsory Purchase Order (CPO) to authorise the compulsory acquisition of necessary land and rights over land required for Franche Road footway widening and noted that a second Cabinet report will be presented should land negotiations not prove successful within a timeframe compatible with the construction programme to seek authorisation to make, publish and take all necessary steps required for the

	confirmation and subsequent implementation of that CPO; and e) Recommend that Council Supported adding £1.75 million to the capital programme for the design, land negotiations and delivery, funded from the annual revenue savings made on the reduced requirement to fund Home to School Transport, noting the 20 year payback period.
Reason(s) for the Decision:	As set out in the report.
Alternative Options Considered:	None other than as set out in the report.
Conflict of Interest (any declared by a consulted Cabinet Member/any dispensation granted)	None
Date the decision is due to take effect:	3 October 2024 for recommendations a) – d). Council will take the final decision on e).

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