HERTFORDSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

COUNTY COUNCIL TUESDAY, 31 MARCH 2015 AT 10.00 AM Agenda Item No.

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ADDITION TO THE 2015/16 - 2017/18 CAPITAL PROGRAMME: A120 LITTLE HADHAM BYPASS

Report of the Deputy Chief Executive

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1. Purpose of report

1.1 To obtain Council's approval for an addition to the 2015/16 – 2017/18 capital programme in respect of the A120 Little Hadham Bypass Scheme.

2. Summary and Background

- 2.1 This scheme which would deliver a bypass around Little Hadham by 2018/19 is projected to cost £29.080m. The scheme is largely funded from grant and external contributions. It does require a limited amount of match funding from the County Council of £0.780m.
- 2.2 The scheme would represent an addition to the 2015/16-2017/18 capital programme and given the match funding requirement by Hertfordshire County Council would require approval by the County Council.
- 2.3 Cabinet is considering the scheme at their meeting of 23 March 2015 and the officer recommendation is that this scheme be added to the 2015/16-2017/18 Capital Programme.

3. Recommendation

3.1 Cabinet will consider a report on this item of business at its meeting on 23 March 2015. Cabinet will be invited to agree:-

- (i) That the Chief Executive and Director of Environment be authorised, in consultation with the Executive Member Highways and Waste Management, to:-
 - (a) continue with all statutory processes to enable the delivery of the A120 Little Hadham Bypass (as previously authorised by Cabinet at its meeting of 24th March 2014); and
 - (b) incorporate such scheme alterations resulting from the preplanning consultation processes as is deemed necessary.
- (ii) recommend to County Council that Council agrees to add the Little Hadham Bypass project to the Council's capital Programme for 2015/16 2017/18 to reflect the total cost and contributions of all parties (set out in paragraph 4.1 of the report).
- 3.2 Cabinet's recommendation to Council will be circulated to Members in the Council Order of Business.

4. Financial Implications

4.1 The proposed funding of the Bypass is shown in the table below.

Table 1 Cost and funding of Little Hadham Bypass Scheme

Cost and Funding Source	2015/16 £'000	2016/17 £'000	2017/18 £'000	Subseq uent Years £'000	Total £'000
S106:				330	330
Local Transport Body:	450	660	10,930	6,450	18,490
Local Enterprise Partnership:				8,480	8,480
Environment Agency:				1,000	1,000
County Council:	680	100			780
Total Cost:	1,130	760	10,930	16,260	29,080

4.2 It is proposed that the Council's contribution be funded through additional borrowing of £680k in 2015/16 and £100k in 2016/17. The revenue impact of these costs is shown in the table below, but would be relatively low in 2015/16 and could be supported from existing budgets.

Table 2 Revenue impact of Little Hadham Bypass Scheme

	2015/16 £'000	2016/17 £'000	2017/18 £'000	Total 2015/16- 2017/18 £'000
Interest	35	41	41	116
Minimum Revenue Provision		23	26	49
Total Additional Revenue Cost:	35	63	67	165

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Background Information:

Cabinet report of 23 March 2015: A120 LITTLE HADHAM BYPASS - UPDATE ON PRE-APPLICATION CONSULTATION RESPONSES AND PROPOSALS TO BE SUBMITTED FOR PLANNING APPLICATION