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| Director of Business, Development and Growth | Executive Member Decision | September 2018 |

APPROVAL OF BRUNSWICK STREET HIGHWAY SCHEME

PURPOSE OF REPORT

1. To seek approval for placing an orders with Lancashire County Council for delivering a highway scheme on Brunswick Street which will deliver improved pedestrian links to the town centre.

RECOMMENDATION(S)

2. To approve placing an order to the value of £34,104.74 with Lancashire County Council for delivering a highway scheme on Brunswick Street which will deliver improved pedestrian links to the town centre.
3. To approve further additional expenditure up to a total maximum value of £50k (inclusive of LCC works above) to deliver remaining element of Brunswick St works package to include signage and street furniture.
4. To approve the virement of £50k budget from the Steeley Lane Gateway capital projects budget to fund the works.
5. To delegate authority to the Director for Business Development & Growth to authorise any subsequent variations, arising during the works, which can be contained within the scheme budget as set out in Appendix A.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY OF REPORT

6. On 23 January 2018 Council resolved to proceed without further delay, with the Market Walk Extension development based upon Option 2.
This will include:
 - a. The building the retail and leisure units based upon a design that meets the needs of the tenants; and
 - b. The delivery of the proposed parking solution; and
 - c. The delivery of the Public Realm improvements.
7. The Brunswick Street improvements were originally part of the Eric Wright Market Walk works packages being delivered as part of the Market Walk development, however, LCC can carry out the works more efficiently.
8. Gary Street, Chorley's Highway Design Engineer, has designed the scheme and validated the bill of quantities submitted by Lancashire County Council.

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| Confidential report Please bold as appropriate | Yes – Appendix A | No |
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| Key Decision? Please bold as appropriate | Yes | No |
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| Reason Please bold as appropriate | 1, a change in service provision that impacts upon the service revenue budget by £100,000 or more | 2, a contract worth £100,000 or more |
| | 3, a new or unprogrammed capital scheme of £100,000 or more | 4, Significant impact in environmental, social or physical terms in two or more wards |

REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATION(S)

(If the recommendations are accepted)

- 9. The bill of quantities (Appendix A) to the value of £34,104.74 demonstrates value for money..
- 10. The works being delivered by Lancashire County Council highways (Appendix B) removes the requirement for a S278 agreement.
- 11. Lancashire County Council highways can mobilise within 2/3 weeks from placing the order and the scheme will be in operation before the prime Christmas shopping period.

ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED AND REJECTED

- 12. A full tender exercise could be carried out based on Chorley's design however Lancashire County Council would then require a S278 agreement with its associated costs and time delay.

IMPLICATIONS OF REPORT

- 13. This report has implications in the following areas and the relevant Directors' comments are included:

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| Finance | X | Customer Services | |
| Human Resources | | Equality and Diversity | |
| Legal | X | Integrated Impact Assessment required? | |
| No significant implications in this area | | Policy and Communications | |

BACKGROUND

- 14. On 23 January 2018 Council resolved to proceed without further delay, with the Market Walk Extension development based upon Option 2.
This will include:
 - a. The building the retail and leisure units based upon a design that meets the needs of the tenants; and
 - b. The delivery of the proposed parking solution; and
 - c. The delivery of the Public Realm improvements.
- 15. The Brunswick Street pedestrian link improvements have always been within the proposed plan of works, however, following feasibility studies in to the stopping up and re-modelling of the highway it became apparent that only ground level improvements could be delivered

and LCC, as the highway authority, could deliver these works quicker and in a cost effective way.

16. Gary Street, Chorley's Highway Design Engineer, has designed the scheme and validated the bill of quantities submitted by Lancashire County Council.
17. Lancashire County Council would process an experimental traffic regulation order to facilitate the scheme and remove existing through route for vehicles.
18. The cost of delivering this scheme will be met from the Steeley Lane Gateway capital project budget as it improve the pedestrian linkages between Clifford Street and Friday Street (leading on to Steeley Lane) and connecting the Chorley Station and its Southbound platform with level access (in the absence of a lift at the station).

COMMENTS OF THE STATUTORY FINANCE OFFICER

19. The council's financial regulations allow for budget virements below £50k to be approved by the head of paid service, chief finance officer and chief officer. Virements between budgets managed by different accountable executive members or chief officer requires prior approval of the executive – this does not apply to this budget virement.
20. The capital programme will be updated to reflect these changes at the next monitoring report to executive cabinet in November 2018.

COMMENTS OF THE MONITORING OFFICER

21. The proposed works are contained within the council decision of January this year being part of the parking solution to support the Market Walk extension. A waiver will be required in relation to these works to comply with the Council's contract procedure rules. This would appear from the detail in the report to be appropriate due to the costs and time savings which will be realised. It also promotes inter authority working.

MARK LESTER
DIRECTOR OF BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT & GROWTH

| Background Papers | | | |
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| Conrad Heald | 515507 | 25 Sept 2018 | *** |

Following careful consideration and assessment of the contents of this report, I approve the recommendation(s) contained in Paragraph 2 of the report in accordance with my delegated power to make executive decisions.



Dated 05/10/2018

Councillor Alistair Bradley
Executive Member for Economic Development
and Public Service Reform