

Report to the Cabinet

Meeting to be held on Thursday, 12 July 2018

Report of the Head of Service, Design and Construction

Part I

Electoral Divisions affected:
Preston Central West; Preston
City;

University of Central Lancashire Masterplan and Associated Highways Modifications - Addition of Funds to the Capital Programme

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Executive Summary

The University of Central Lancashire (UCLan) have been supported by the county council in the development of a design for the implementation of the highway proposals required to support the UCLan Masterplan development in the Adelphi Quarter area of Preston.

An advance payment is proposed to be added to the Capital Programme in connection with the scheme. The advance payment of £10.4m proposed from UCLan is their estimate of construction costs at present and this report seeks to include it within the Capital Programme. It will be paid upon the finalisation of the design and completion of the requisite section 278 agreement.

This is deemed to be a Key Decision and the provisions of Standing Order C19 have been complied with.

Recommendation

Cabinet is recommended to approve that the county council accepts the addition to the capital programme of an advance payment of £10.4m proposed at present from the University of Central Lancashire to be paid once the section 278 agreement is completed with the following estimated profile: £0.75m (2018/19), £7.5m (2019/20), and £2.15m (2020/21).

Background and Advice

The UCLan Masterplan sets out a vision for a £200m investment over the next decade to create a campus that is more unified and welcoming but importantly

integrates with the rest of the City. A key aspect of the Masterplan is the transformation of the Adelphi Quarter roundabout by incorporating a new large public space based on the quality paving principles of Fishergate's Central Gateway project. This proposal will also see work carried out in sections of Friargate, Corporation Street, Fylde Road, Adelphi Street, Moor Lane and Walker Street. The work at these locations involves adapting the existing streetscene to meet the new layout and quality standards.

The works to Adelphi Street include a prohibition of driving immediately north of St Peter Street junction with all vehicles diverted eastward at that point, to Moor Lane. There is a second prohibition of driving proposed at the junction of Adelphi Street and Victoria Street, which will have the effect of making this area of the UCLan campus a pedestrian and cycle friendly area. The Adelphi Quarter proposals received planning consent from Preston City Council in January 2018.

Harrington Street will be returned to 2 way traffic flow to allow access to the campus and existing residential premises. Victoria Street will have traffic signals installed at its junctions with Moor Lane and Adelphi Street, and this will become the principal route for vehicles including buses to replace the closed Adelphi Street link further south.

Detailed design is currently being developed by UCLan and is subject to approval by the county council as Highway Authority.

The main construction scheme is provisionally scheduled to start on site in March 2019, and be completed in September 2020, subject to the approval of the proposed design and the terms of the section 278 agreement.

Consultations

UCLan have carried out a series of consultation events with stakeholders and vulnerable user groups which will inform the proposed design. This proposed design will be presented to Preston City Council to ensure compliance with the planning conditions, as well as to the county council for highway authority approval and to subsequently inform the specification and drawings of the section 278 agreement.

Implications:

This item has the following implications, as indicated:

Risk management

Financial

The project will be fully funded by UCLan with advance payment of £10.4m which the University of Central Lancashire estimates will cover the construction cost expenditure involved in delivering the project. It is proposed that the sum of £10.4m is added to the Highways Block of the 2018/19, 2019/20 and 2020/21 capital programme, in the following estimated profile: £0.75m (2018/19), £7.5m (2019/20), and £2.15m (2020/21). The cost estimate for the county council's design approval,

supervision and contract management function will be influenced by the form of contract awarded for the works and will be paid for by the University of Central Lancashire under a section 278 agreement.

The section 278 agreement payments, inclusive of the council's fees, will be required prior to the letting of a works contract to minimise any financial risk to the county council.

Legal

The scheme received planning permission in January 2018. All works will take place within the boundary of the adopted highway under a section 278 agreement.

The payments from UCLan due under the section 278 agreement, being this advance payment and others, need to be added to the Capital programme but will be paid upon the completion of the requisite agreement.

List of Background Papers

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None

Reason for inclusion in Part II, if appropriate

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