

HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

Decision Report

Decision Maker:	Executive Member for Policy and Resources
Date:	14 March 2013
Title:	Great Minster Street, Winchester - Update
Reference:	4778
Report From:	Director of Economy, Transport and Environment

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1. Executive Summary

- 1.1. The Project Appraisal for "The Square - Extension to Great Minster Street, Winchester" was approved by the Executive Member for Policy and Resources on 24 January 2013.
- 1.2. The purpose of this paper is to present the case for approval of additional funding for the Great Minster Street improvements scheme, due to an increase in costs at the tender phase. The overall scheme cost, including allowances for risk (contingencies and provisional items), fees and site supervision costs, has increased by £50,000 to £350,000 in total.
- 1.3. The public expectations of a high quality extension to the improvements at The Square, mean that any reduction in the scope of the scheme would have the effect of significantly reducing the value gained from it. It is therefore recommended that an additional £50,000 is made available from the Corporate Policy Reserve.
- 1.4. If approved, the contract will be awarded and will commence delivery as part of the 2012/13 Capital Programme.

2. Contextual information

- 2.1. The setting of Great Minster Street, adjacent to the Cathedral and the historic surroundings, meant it was a noted missing component to the improvements delivered at The Square in the 2011/2012 programme. The Great Minster Street scheme proposes an extension of these improvements to complete the regeneration of the area.

3. Finance

- 3.1. The overall scheme cost was originally estimated at £300,000, with £260,800 of this total being the estimated tender total. However the scheme has recently been tendered and taking account of the increase following technical adjustments was higher than expected at approximately £290,000. The overall scheme cost, including allowances for risk (contingencies and provisional items), fees and site supervision costs, is now £350,000.
- 3.2. The public expectations for a high quality extension to the earlier improvements at The Square, mean that any reduction in the scope of the Great Minster Street scheme would have the effect of significantly reducing the value gained from it. It is therefore recommended that an additional £50,000 is made available from the Corporate Policy Reserve.

4. Performance

- 4.1. The failure to complete the improvements on Great Minster Street to the same standard as those completed at The Square may result in negative publicity for the County Council. It would create a reduction in the perceived value of the nearby improvements at The Square and potentially also the High Street.

5. Future direction

- 5.1. If approved, the contract will be awarded and will commence as part of the 2012/13 Capital Programme. The contract period is estimated at ten weeks.

6. Recommendation

- 6.1. That an additional £50,000 be allocated to the agreed budget for the Great Minster Street improvement scheme, Winchester, to cover the additional costs identified during the tender process. This sum to be met from the Corporate Policy Reserve.

CORPORATE OR LEGAL INFORMATION:**Links to the Corporate Strategy**

Hampshire safer and more secure for all:	yes
Corporate Improvement plan link number (if appropriate):	
Maximising well-being:	yes
Corporate Improvement plan link number (if appropriate):	
Enhancing our quality of place:	yes
Corporate Improvement plan link number (if appropriate):	

Other Significant Links

Links to previous Member decisions:		
<u>Title</u>	<u>Reference</u>	<u>Date</u>
The Square – Extension to Great Minster Street	4552	24 January 2013

Section 100 D - Local Government Act 1972 - background documents

The following documents discuss facts or matters on which this report, or an important part of it, is based and have been relied upon to a material extent in the preparation of this report. (NB: the list excludes published works and any documents which disclose exempt or confidential information as defined in the Act.)

<u>Document</u>	<u>Location</u>
Scheme working files	Engineering Consultancy, ETE Dept

IMPACT ASSESSMENTS:

1. Equalities Impact Assessment:

- 1.1 The proposals in this report have been developed with due regard to the requirements of the Equality Act 2010, including the Public Sector Equality Duty and the Council's equality objectives. An assessment of the impacts in this service area , 1.4 - Developing Hampshire's Highways Network and Transport System, can be found on [Hantsweb](#).

It is considered that the issues covered by this report will not have impacts requiring further specific actions by the Council above those already established in its existing policies and working procedures.

2. Impact on Crime and Disorder:

- 2.1 This scheme does not impact on crime and disorder.

3. Climate Change:

- 3.1 This scheme will not have any negative impact on climate change. The aim of the scheme is to discourage traffic through this part of the City Centre and slow down the traffic that continues to use Great Minster Street. This will therefore have a positive impact on air quality locally.