

STOCKPORT COUNCIL

REPORT TO CABINET– SUMMARY SHEET

Subject: A6 to M60 Relief Road

Report to Cabinet

Date: 19th December

Report of: (a) Cabinet Member for Economy & Regeneration

Key Decision: (b) Y

Forward Plan ☒ General Exception ☐ Special Urgency ☐ (Mark with a Y if applicable)

Summary:

Following a commitment by Cabinet to release the strategic outline business case for the A6 to M60 Relief Road once it was complete, this report provides an update on the status of the Strategic Outline Business Case for the A6 to M60 Relief Road and the required next steps to progress the scheme, including the financial implications and timescales of these steps.

A review of the Strategic Outline Business Case and the potential next steps was undertaken by Full Council on the 30th November, and Full Council resolved to recommend to Cabinet that a formal funding request be submitted to government to fund the next stage of business case development.

Comments/Views of the Cabinet Member: (c)

Congestion is a key concern for many residents and businesses in Stockport and this was identified as a key issue in the recent consultation on transport issues and options in Stockport as part of the SEMMM Strategy Refresh. An A6 to M60 relief road has been identified within Stockport's wider transport strategy for a number of years as a potential option for reducing congestion on some key routes in the east of the borough. However, it is recognised that any major transport scheme will have an impact and there needs to be a full appraisal of both the positive and negative impacts of any scheme before a decision to ultimately seek funding and construct it is made.

The draft Strategic Outline Business case is the first of three stages of scheme assessment/development as set out in the DfT Guidance on Business Cases. Only high-level assessments are undertaken at this stage to identify whether there is a strategic case for the scheme. As set out in the debate at Full Council, the Council needs a full suite of evidence to enable an effective appraisal of the pros and cons of the scheme to take place, and the Council also needs to undertake a formal public consultation to ensure that all residents and stakeholders are able to give their view on the principles of the scheme.

Recommendation(s) of Cabinet Member: (d)

At the meeting of Full Council on the 30th November it was resolved that a recommendation be made to Cabinet to progress the next steps identified in Section 6 of the report, including the submission of a formal funding request to government to fund the next stage of business case development. Cabinet are recommended to adopt and action this recommendation.

Relevant Scrutiny Committee (if decision called in): (e)
Economy & Regeneration

Background Papers (if report for publication): (f)

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'Urgent Business': (g)

Yes/ No (Please circle)

Certification (if applicable)

This report should be considered as 'urgent business' and the decision exempted from 'call-in' for the following reason(s):

The written consent of Councillor _____ and the Chief Executive/Monitoring Officer/ Borough Treasurer for the decision to be treated as 'urgent business' was obtained on /will be obtained before the decision is implemented.
