

STOCKPORT COUNCIL

REPORT TO CABINET- SUMMARY SHEET

Subject: Greek Street Bridge

Report to Cabinet

Date: 10th December 2024

Report of: (a) Cabinet Member for Parks, Highways & Transport Services

Key Decision: (b) Y

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

Summary:

Following inspections by Network Rail, it was identified that Greek Street Bridge requires replacement due to the deteriorating condition of the bridge structure. The replacement of this bridge is of strategic importance to the Town Centre West Mayoral Development Corporation as it provides a key focus of connectivity between Stockport Town Centre, Edgeley and Stockport Railway Station.

The design for the bridge replacement is of strategic future importance to both Stockport Council and Transport for Greater Manchester (TfGM) given that it lies adjacent to the potential future Tram Train alignments through Stockport, connecting to both Manchester Airport and Hazel Grove. As such, the replacement presents an opportunity to safeguard the new structure for any future arrival of light rail services into Stockport. This essential renewal is being led by Network Rail.

Stockport Council also has an interest as the bridge is a key element of the local highway network supporting the movement of bus, cyclists, pedestrians, freight, and general traffic. It provides connectivity into Edgeley and the town centre, providing key links to Stockport College and Stockport County Football ground.

The purpose of this report is to provide an update on the works required, and schedule associated with, the Network Rail led Greek Street bridge renewal project. This includes providing an overview of the potential subsequent disruption and the corresponding mitigation works.

Comments/Views of the Cabinet Member: (c)

The work required on Greek Street bridge forms part of Network Rails' renewal programme and it is essential the works are undertaken to ensure connectivity between Stockport Town Centre, Edgeley and Stockport Station is maintained in the future. Therefore I ask that Cabinet support the recommendations.

Recommendation(s) of Cabinet Member: (d)

Cabinet are requested to:

- Approve to enter into the Bridgeguard 3 agreement and make any payments to Network Rail necessary under this agreement.
- Agree that the decisions related to the necessary diversion routes are delegated to the Director of Place Management in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Parks, Highways & Transport Services in conjunction with officers following engagement with

members.

- Agree that the decisions related to the final highway layout on the new structure are delegated to the Director of Place Management in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Parks, Highways & Transport Services following consultation with the Member Working Group.

Relevant Scrutiny Committee (if decision called in): **(e)**

Communities & Transport

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.
