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To: **Matthew Balfour - Cabinet Member for Environment & Transport**

Decision No: **14/00094(b)**

Subject: **Gravesend Transport Quarter - Rathmore Road Link, Gravesend**

Non-Key Decision

Classification: **Unrestricted**

Past Pathway of Paper: **None**

Future Pathway of Paper: **None**

Electoral Division: **Northfleet & Gravesham West and Gravesham East**

Summary: Approval for all steps necessary to be taken to obtain and implement
statutory orders required for the delivery of the scheme.

Recommendation(s):

The Cabinet Member for Environment & Transport is asked to give approval for all
steps necessary to be taken to obtain and implement statutory orders including an
order under s14 of the Highways Act 1980 to realise the scheme shown indicatively
on Drg. No. 4300253/000/10 Rev 2 (the Scheme).

1.   Introduction

1.1   Gravesend Transport Quarter - Rathmore Road Link involves the re-alignment
      of the existing Rathmore Road and its upgrade to provide a new two-way link
      road between Stone Street and Darnley Road; making Clive Road two-way
      thereby allowing restricted access to Barrack Row; and with associated works
      to Railway Place. A key objective of the Scheme is to remove unnecessary
      traffic from Barrack Row so that it can be used almost exclusively for public
      transport.

1.2   The Cabinet Member for Environment & Transport took a series of decisions
      following a report to the Environment & Transport Cabinet Committee on 17
      September 2014 to allow the Scheme to be progressed through to construction.
      Agenda Item 35 and Record of Decision 14/00094 dated 22 September 2014
      refers.

1.3   The Scheme received planning approval in October 2014. As part of the
      detailed design process there have been minor amendments to the Scheme
      and the current layout is shown on Drg. No. 4300253/000/10 Rev 2. The

refinements remain consistent with the planning consent and have been approved by the Corporate Director of Growth, Environment & Transport in accordance with decision ii) of Record of Decision 14/00094.

1.4   Gravesham Borough Council is making its land available for the Scheme and terms for its voluntary acquisition have been agreed. The only other land required is the acquisition of No 15 Darnley Road. Terms have been agreed with the owner for the voluntary acquisition and completion is anticipated in July 2015. A Compulsory Purchase Order therefore will not be required.

1.5   A Side Roads Order, under s14 of the Highways Act 1980, in broad terms, is required to effect necessary changes to the existing highway layout. These changes are primarily to provide new and improved areas of highway. There is no 'stopping up' of sections of highway or private means of access in practical terms. While an authority for statutory orders was given in (ii) of Record of Decision 14/00094 a more comprehensive decision is considered desirable and that is the purpose of this report.

2.   Financial Implications

2.1   None - the funding for the Scheme is from Government grant and was explained in detail in the report to the Cabinet Committee on 17 September 2014.

3.   Conclusions

3.1   Good progress has been made with the approval of planning consent and the voluntary acquisition of all land required but a more comprehensive authority for statutory orders is required. All other authorities given in Record of Decision 14/00094 remain extant.

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4.   Recommendation

The Cabinet Member for Environment & Transport is asked to give approval for all steps necessary to be taken to obtain and implement statutory orders including an order under s14 of the Highways Act 1980 Side Roads Order to realise the scheme shown indicatively on Drg. No. 4300253/000/10 Rev 2 (the Scheme).

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7.   Background Documents

Record of Decision 14/00094.
Planning consent GR/12/441 - 14/11/2014

8.   Contact details

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