

**TITLE: Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Combined Authority  
Active Travel Grant**

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**1.0 Issue**

- 1.1. To agree the funding and delivery arrangements for the 'Sustrans Study East Cambs routes' project.

**2.0 Recommendations**

Members are requested to:

- 2.1. Agree that the Council accepts £400,000 of funding from Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Combined Authority to deliver the Sustrans Study East Cambs routes' project
- 2.2. Instruct the Director Community to enter into a Grant Funding Agreement with Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Combined Authority.
- 2.3. Agree that Cambridgeshire County Council be appointed as the delivery agent for the project.

**3.0 Background/Options**

- 3.1 In March 2025 the Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Combined Authority's (CPCA) Investment Committee approved proposals for funding the development of active travel routes in East Cambridgeshire. £400,000 was allocated to the 'Sustrans Study East Cambs routes' project. This is to enable the further development of the Council's Sustrans feasibility schemes to the preliminary design stage for two routes: Ely to Soham and Burwell to Fordham and wider links.
- 3.2 £70,000 was also awarded to produce a detailed design for the Stuntney to Ely route. This work is being led by Cambridgeshire County Council (CCC).

**4.0 Arguments/Conclusions**

- 4.1. East Cambridgeshire District Council (ECDC) commissioned Sustrans to undertake 10 feasibility studies following consultation on the district's Cycling and Walking Routes Strategy which highlighted a number of potential routes.
- 4.2. The feasibility studies considered opportunities and constraints, risks, and potential land needs. The feasibility reports are detailed with analysis of potential routes,

identifying all possible alignments. This has resulted in multiple options within each route feasibility study.

4.3. The funding will enable the development of the Ely to Soham and Burwell to Fordham and wider links routes from feasibility study to preliminary design. This will include:

- Further analysis of value for money, (financial and economic case)
- Outline Programme and Risk Register
- Proposed delivery plan (management case)
- Engagement with stakeholders and development of a stakeholder plan
- outline proposals for monitoring and evaluation

4.4 Officers are in discussions with Cambridgeshire County Council (CCC) regarding delivery of the project. Given their experience in this type of project it is felt that CCC are best placed to lead this on the Council's behalf. There is also some overlap with the CCC Ely to Stuntney scheme.

4.5 In order to secure the funding, the Council will need to enter into a Grant Funding Agreement with the CPCA. Project risks will be managed through project governance, where the CCC are the Delivery Agent and the ECDC are the Project Sponsors, who make the key decisions and hold the financial and programme risks.

## **5.0 Additional Implications Assessment**

5.1 In the table below, please put Yes or No in each box:

<b>Financial Implications</b>  <b>NO</b>	<b>Legal Implications</b>  <b>YES</b>	<b>Human Resources (HR) Implications</b>  <b>NO</b>
<b>Equality Impact Assessment (EIA)</b>  <b>NO</b>	<b>Carbon Impact Assessment (CIA)</b>  <b>NO</b>	<b>Data Protection Impact Assessment (DPIA)</b>  <b>NO</b>

5.2. Legal Implications: The Council will be required to enter into a Grant Funding Agreement with the CPCA in order to receive the funding.

5.3. An equality impact assessment will be prepared for each route as part of the design process.

## **6.0 Appendices**

None.

## **7.0 Background documents**

CPCA Investment Board meeting held on 12 March 2025 - agenda and minutes.