

REPORT OF THE STRATEGIC DIRECTOR PLACE

TO THE PROPERTY & REGENERATION BRIEFING

ON

13 JUNE 2022

TITLE: WALKDEN PARK & RIDE

RECOMMENDATIONS:

It is recommended that the Deputy City Mayor:

- I. Notes the progress in developing the Walkden Park & Ride project and the timescales for delivery.
 - II. Approves the transfer of £585,149.84 of Growth Deal Grant funding held by Salford City Council to Transport for Greater Manchester (TfGM), for the delivery of the Walkden Park & Ride project.
 - III. Provides delegated authority to the Strategic Director Place and City Solicitor to enter into the necessary collaboration / delivery agreements with TfGM, and the Chief Finance Officer to make the funding transfer.
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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

TfGM will be leading the implementation of the Walkden Park and Ride project in conjunction with Salford City Council. The project will improve cycling accessibility to the station and provide off street car parking for 107 vehicles.

Salford City Council is currently holding £585,149.84 of Growth Deal grant awarded to the city for the delivery of the Walkden Park & Ride scheme. TfGM are the lead organisation for delivery of the project and as such require the grant to be in their account to progress implementation of the scheme. In addition, a collaboration agreement between SCC and TfGM is necessary as TfGM are delivering the project on behalf of SCC.

BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS

KEY DECISION: NO

DETAILS:

1. Introduction and Background

1.1 TfGM will be leading the implementation of the Park and Ride project in conjunction with Salford City Council. The Walkden Park & Ride scheme is to be located on the site of the former Environment Services Depot at Chestnut Avenue. It is intended to increase the ease and attractiveness of rail use at Walkden Station. The scheme will enhance facilities for pedestrians and create safe and secure cycle storage to promote active travel. The scheme will provide:

- 107 Parking Spaces (including 8 disabled and 2 EV charging bays)
- A Cycle Hub with secure storage for 32 cycles (24 indoor, 8 sheltered)
- CCTV
- Street lighting
- High-board fencing for residents' privacy.

2. Funding Transfer

2.1 SCC is holding a balance of £585,149.84 of Growth Deal grant in its account, after undertaking some site preparation works for the Park & Ride including disconnections and surveys on behalf of TfGM before handing over the site. The remainder of the GD grant is committed to the Walkden P&R project and is currently held by Salford for previous administrative purposes. SCC will not be commissioning the main construction works or making any payments from this portion of the grant. TfGM as the project lead have responsibility for managing the project and as such will need to control the budget directly. It is necessary to transfer the grant from SCC to TfGM to enable TfGM to manage and deliver the project,

3. Collaboration Agreement

3.1 The site of the P&R is owned by Salford City and will remain so after the project is completed. As TfGM are managing the project and delivering the Park and Ride on behalf of the city a collaboration agreement between SCC and TfGM is

necessary. This is a standard legal document used on previous schemes. The contact of the agreement has been reviewed and agreed between the parties.

4. Next Steps

- 4.1 TfGM have appointed the works contractor and project enabling works have commenced on site. Project completion is expected by the end of 2022. The City Mayor wrote to residents in March 2022 providing an update on the project. The project is an important part of improving accessibility to the station, further works are planned to provide a new lift by March 2024 which will make the station fully accessible.

KEY COUNCIL POLICIES:

The scheme will contribute to Salford's Great Eight priorities by supporting improvements to our streets and transport infrastructure and is particularly relevant to priority 6, Promoting transport and digital connectivity.

EQUALITY IMPACT ASSESSMENT AND IMPLICATIONS:

The scheme will contribute to improving accessibility for all through the provision of cycle parking and disabled parking. This will support greater equality through promoting affordable transport options that facilitate access to employment and public transport.

ASSESSMENT OF RISK:

Low: TfGM are managing costs and project delivery directly.

LEGAL IMPLICATIONS Supplied by:

Tony Hatton: Principal Solicitor x2904

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS Supplied by:

Natalie Birchall: Senior Accountant x2316

SCC is holding £585,149.84 of Growth Deal grant which is committed to the Walkden P&R project. The monies are currently held by Salford for previous administrative purposes. SCC will not be commissioning the main construction works or making any payments from this portion of the grant and needs to be returned to TfGM for scheme delivery.

PROCUREMENT IMPLICATIONS Supplied by: N/A

HR IMPLICATIONS Supplied by: N/A

CLIMATE CHANGE IMPLICATIONS Supplied by: Lee Evans

The scheme will encourage use of rail as a mode of travel reducing car travel overall. The inclusion of cycle parking, linked to wider network improvements already in place will also encourage cycling to the station.

OTHER DIRECTORATES CONSULTED: N/A

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WARDS TO WHICH REPORT RELATES: Walkden South