

Title: Bristol Temple Meads masterplan funding	
Ward: Lawrence Hill	Cabinet lead: Councillor Beech
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Revenue Cost: £ 2,000,000	Source of Revenue Funding: WECA grant funding
Capital Cost: £n/a	Source of Capital Funding:
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Ongoing <input type="checkbox"/>	Income generation <input type="checkbox"/>

Finance narrative:

This proposal seeks approval for the application and acceptance of a £2m funding bid to the WECA investment fund to support the delivery of a masterplan and to carry out feasibility works for Temple Meads Station regeneration.

The £2m WECA investment fund will leverage circa £1.6m funding matched by Network Rail, together form an overall funding pot of c£3.6m to support the planned works. The output of the masterplan and feasibility studies is aimed at identifying potential viable options which will lead to the refurbishment of Temple Meads Station. The station regeneration is anticipated to provide wider economic benefits for the city and the region by delivering jobs, business rate and opportunities for education and skills.

In additions, the masterplan will support the case for a HIF forward funding bid recently submitted which includes for investment in the station. Furthermore, the output of the masterplan will unlock future opportunities for further public funding and investment as well as providing scope to attract additional private sector investment within the wider area.

Please note this grant funded master planning and feasibility cost is revenue cost in nature, and would be treated as abortive cost should it not lead to a capital development project. Majority of the expenditure is predicted to incur in financial year 18/19.

Finance Officer: Tian Ze Hao

Summary of issue / proposal: Bristol City Council is expecting to secure £2m of 'Early Investment Programme' grant funding from the West of England Combined Authority (WECA) to support masterplanning work for Temple Meads station on the 30th October 2017.

Subject to WECA confirmation of the grant; Cabinet is asked to approve the receipt of funds and, in doing so, approve the use of funds to support the development of a masterplan for the station.

Summary of proposal & options appraisal:

- *The refurbishment and development of Bristol Temple Meads station is required in order to address existing capacity issues; deal with anticipated future increases in patronage; support the delivery of key projects in close proximity to the station; ensure the continued success of Bristol Temple Quarter and to provide a modern and accessible gateway befitting of the city.*
- *Masterplanning work is required in order to explore options for the refurbishment and development of the station. Ultimately, this work will enable the identification of a preferred option for the refurbishment of the station which will be both viable and deliverable. It will then be possible to progress detailed designs for the option and to seek planning consent for it. The masterplan work will also support the Council and its partners in securing funding to enable required works to the station.*
- *The masterplanning work will be jointly commissioned with partner organisations, including Network Rail. Network Rail will contribute circa £1.6m in support of the work.*
- *The use of WECA funds to support the masterplanning work is considered to be appropriate on the basis that Temple Meads is a transport interchange of regional and national significance and no alternative funds exist to support this necessary work. There will be no financial implications for the Council as the WECA funding is grant funding drawn from the Early Investment Programme.*
- *Other options have been considered: 'doing nothing' is not deemed to be a viable solution owing to the existing constraints which the station faces and which it presents to the wider city. A 'minimal intervention' approach would focus solely on planning for operational requirements and addressing existing capacity issues. This is not considered appropriate as it will not deliver the wider benefits which the city would wish to see. The proposed option of a joint masterplan to consider the future*

refurbishment and development is therefore the recommended approach as it offers scope to address the principle requirements of all stakeholders.

Recommendation(s) / steer sought:

Approve the receipt and use of WECA grant funding to support the delivery of a masterplan for Temple Meads station.

City Outcome: Delivery of masterplan will allow the Council to progress proposals for the refurbishment and development of the station. Ultimately, this will realise the Council's (and partners) aspirations for the redevelopment of the station which will in turn enable social, economic and physical regeneration. Refurbishment and development will also deliver business rates growth in the wider area.

Health Outcome summary: The Masterplan will consider health outcomes associated with the refurbishment and development of the station. Scope to increase station capacity and patronage should go some way towards facilitating a reduction in car patronage, thereby reducing pollution levels.

Sustainability Outcome summary: Masterplanning work will consider ways to optimise the sustainability outcomes associated with station investment. This will include ways through which to optimise the patronage of public transport.

Equalities Outcome summary: Masterplanning work is expected to address the physical barrier currently presented by the station in terms of access to the city centre from communities to the east.

Impact / Involvement of partners: Significant positive outcomes are expected for partners including the University of Bristol, Network Rail as well as the city's business community and its residents. Both Network Rail and the University have been involved in discussions relating to the refurbishment and development of the station and are supportive of the work.

Consultation carried out: This work has been discussed with key partners including the West of England the West of England Combined Authority (WECA), Network Rail, Homes and Communities Agency, University of Bristol, Governmental partners and elected members. The item has not been presented before the scrutiny panel to date.

Legal Issues: The decision sought seeks authority to commission consultancy services, jointly with Network Rail (NR), for master-planning services in connection with refurbishment/redevelopment of Temple Meads, subject to the Councils funding bid being successful. It is understood that the Council will lead on the procurement of these services. Given the value of the services it will be necessary to carry out an EU compliant procurement exercise, in addition to complying with the Councils own procurement procedures. As the costs of the services are to be part met by Network Rail, it will also be necessary to ensure arrangements are in place to secure the NR contribution before any contract award is made

Legal Officer: *Eric Andrews, Senior Solicitor – Legal, Bristol City Council*

DLT sign-off	SLT sign-off	Cabinet Member sign-off
C. Molton 25/10/2017	N. Beardmore 25/10/2017	Cllr Beech 24/10/2017

Appendix A – Further essential background / detail on the proposal	NO
Appendix B – Details of consultation carried out - internal and external	NO
Appendix C – Summary of any engagement with scrutiny	NO
Appendix D – Risk assessment	NO
Appendix E – Equalities screening / impact assessment of proposal	NO
Appendix F – Eco-impact screening/ impact assessment of proposal	NO
Appendix G – Exempt Information	NO