

# CHESHIRE EAST COUNCIL

## REPORT TO: Portfolio Holder for Strategic Communities

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<b>Date of Meeting:</b>	15 <sup>th</sup> December 2014
<b>Report of:</b>	Director of Economic Growth and Prosperity
<b>Subject/Title:</b>	A6 to Manchester Airport Relief Road – Tri-partite delivery agreement
<b>Portfolio</b>	Strategic Communities
<b>Portfolio Holder</b>	Cllr David Brown

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### 1.0 Report Summary

- 1.1 This report seeks approval to enter into a delivery agreement between Manchester City Council, Stockport Council and Cheshire East Council to aid the delivery and funding of the highway mitigation measures required for the proposed A6- Manchester Airport Relief Road (A6-MARR)

### 2.0 Decision Requested

- 2.1 That the Council enter into the Tri-partite delivery agreement with Stockport Metropolitan Borough Council and Manchester City Council to aid the delivery of the A6MARR and to agree the financial contributions from Stockport MBC towards highway mitigation measures required pursuant to planning permission conditions

### 3.0 Reasons for Recommendations

- 3.1 To formally agree the financial contribution of up to £1,572,500 from the A6-MARR scheme towards highway mitigation measures in Cheshire East
- 3.2 To ensure that the council uses best endeavours to discharge the planning conditions related to the scheme; thereby ensuring the effective mitigation is in place prior to the opening of the new road.

### 4.0 Wards Affected

- 4.1 Disley, Poynton East and Pott Shrigley, Poynton West and Adlington, Wilmslow Dean Row, Handforth, Wilmslow Lacey Green, Wilmslow West and Chorley, Wilmslow East.

### 5.0 Local Ward Members

- 5.1 Local Ward Members in and near the affected areas include:

- § Disley – Cllr Harold Davenport
- § Poynton East and Pott Shrigley – Cllr Jos Saunders and Cllr Howard Murray
- § Poynton West and Adlington – Cllr Roger West and Cllr Philip Hoyland
- § Wilmslow Dean Row – Cllr Paul Whiteley
- § Handforth – Cllr Barry Burkhill and Cllr Denis Mahon
- § Wilmslow Lacey Green – Cllr Don Stockton
- § Wilmslow West and Chorley – Cllr Wesley Fitzgerald and Cllr Gary Barton
- § Wilmslow East – Cllr Rod Menlove.

## **6.0 Policy Implications**

6.1 The following policy implications are noted.

- § The proposed SEMMMS A6 to Manchester Airport Relief Road will provide an alternative highway link between the A6, A523 and A34 and Manchester Airport and the M56.
- § The existing local road network passes through residential communities, local and district centres suffer from congestion and severance as traffic uses a variety of unsuitable roads to make this orbital journey.

## **7.0 Financial Implications (Authorised by the Chief Operating Officer)**

- 7.1 A financial contribution of up to £1,572,500 is being made to the council from the A6-MARR scheme to contribute towards the cost of the required mitigation measures.
- 7.2 The Council is liable for any costs, expenses or liabilities which are incurred in respect of the delivery and completion of the mitigation measures over and above the financial contributions from the A6-MARR scheme.
- 7.3 Payment of these monies are contingent on the A6-MARR scheme going ahead.
- 7.4 The payment schedule has yet to be agreed but will be linked to the delivery of the mitigation measures.

## **8.0 Legal Implications (Authorised by the Head of Legal Services)**

- 8.1 The Delivery Agreement is a legal agreement between SMBC and CEC and has a number of legal implications. The proposed agreement is included at Annex A

8.2 The Agreement requires the Council to use its best endeavours to discharge the planning conditions in relation to the highway mitigation works prior to the opening of the A6-MARR scheme. However, it does not fetter the authority's obligations (as the local planning authority) linked to the discharge of planning conditions.

## **9.0 Risk Management**

9.1 The funding from the A6-MARR scheme has been agreed in principle at senior officer and member level and is confirmed in correspondence. A legally binding agreement as proposed will confirm the details of the funding.

## **10.0 Background**

10.1 The decision notice for the A6-MARR scheme was published by the council in June 2014

10.2 The conditions attached to this decision (ref 13/4355M) included the design and delivery of an extensive programme of highway mitigation measures where it has been demonstrated there would be a traffic impact as a result of the scheme.

10.3 Extensive discussion with the A6-MARR team at a senior political and officer level has been successful in negotiating a contribution towards the delivery of these measures.

10.4 This is on top of a contribution of c£3.5M negotiated by senior politicians towards the delivery of PRR which will complement the delivery of the A6 MARR scheme

## **11.0 Access to Information**

The background papers relating to this report can be inspected by contacting the report writer:

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**ANNEX A – Tripartite Agreement**