# **Record of Decision taken by Executive Councillor**

**Decision title:** Release of CIL (Community Infrastructure Levy) funds to SCC Active Travel Team to facilitate improvements to the cycling, walking and wheeling route between Comeytrowe and the town centre.

# Executive Councillor making the decision: Cllr M Rigby

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# Date of Decision: 13/02/23

**Details of decision:** £499,999 of collected CIL funds to be allocated to SCC's Active Travel Team as match funding to enable an application for £1.8m of grant funding from Active Travel England to be used to deliver improvements to the cycling, walking and wheeling route between Comeytrowe and the town centre. Schemes include narrowing of side-road junction radii, new segregated cycle and pedestrian paths and crossing improvements. The location of these schemes directly impacts people travelling to and from Musgrove Park Hospital, Castle School and Parkfield School.

**Reasons for proposed decision:** The £499,999.00 of CIL funds allocated for cycle and pedestrian improvements was authorised by Full Council in December 2020.

**Alternative funding options sourced:** £1.8m will be requested from Active Travel England if this £499,999.00 of CIL match funding is authorised.

| The below has been completed:  | Name(s)  | Date        |  |
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| Relevant ward councillor(s) consulted  | Cllr Richard Lees<br>Cllr Simon Coles<br>Cllr Caroline Ellis<br>Cllr Martin Peters<br>Cllr Tom Deakin<br>Cllr Derek Perry<br>Cllr Habib Farbahi<br>Cllr John Hunt<br>Cllr Simon Nicholls | 31 Jan 2023 |  |
| The following are if appropriate / applicable: Yes/No. If yes the implications should be attached to this decision notice. |  |             |  |

| Finance implications | No – CIL funds collected     |  |
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|                      | and available for allocation |  |

|   | to identified project.<br>Attached application<br>signed off by S151 Officer.  |  |
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| Legal implications                      | No   |  |
| Links to corporate aims                 | Working towards a low-<br>carbon, clean, green and<br>prosperous district that<br>attracts high quality<br>employment opportunities<br>and encourages healthy<br>lifestyles. |  |
| Climate and Sustainability implications | Help to meet net zero<br>targets.<br>Improve air quality.  |  |
| Community Safety Implications           | Reduce traffic congestion.<br>Improve health and<br>wellbeing.   |  |
| Equalities Impact                       |  |  |
| Safeguarding Implications               | No   |  |
| Risk management                         | No   |  |
| Partnership implications                | No   |  |

Any conflicts of interest declared by Leader or Executive Members consulted on the proposed decision. If <u>Yes</u> provide confirmation from Chief Executive to grant dispensation for the Leader's / Executive Member's views to be considered.

# N/A

#### **Decision Maker**

I am aware of the details of this decision(s), considered the reasons, options, representations and consultation responses and give my approval / agreement to its implementation.



Signed:

Name: Cllr M Rigby

Date: 8 February 2023

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