

REPORT AUDIT TRAIL				
CONSULTATION				
Name/Position	Portfolio/Ward/ Directorate	Date Sent	Date Received	Comments in para:
Councillor Denise Lelliott	Cabinet Member for Jobs and the Local Economy	19/10/23	23/10/23	
Paul Woodcock	Assistant Chief Executive/ Strategic Director for Regeneration and Environment	Click here to enter a date.	Click here to enter a date.	
Jayne Close, Finance	Finance and Customer Services	19/10/23	20/10/23	6.2
Stuart Fletcher, Legal Services	Legal Services	19/10/23	20/10/23	7.1
John Crutchley, Human Resources	Assistant Chief Executive's Office	19/10/23	24/10/23	8.1
Karen Middlebrook, Procurement	Finance and Customer Services	19/10/23	19/10/23	6.1
Steve Eling, Equalities	Assistant Chief Executive's Office	19/10/23	Click here to enter a date.	Previously agreed March 22
Climate, Carbon Impact Assessment	Assistant Chief Executive's Office	19/10/23	23/10/23	Appendix 4 Carbon Impact Assessment - FI

REPORT APPROVAL TRACKING

Equalities	Initial Screening completed and included with report	YES	March 2022
	Full Assessment completed and included with report	YES	March 2022
Carbon Impact Assessments	Carbon Impact Assessment completed and included with report.	YES	October 2022
Background information	Forge Island Final Delivery Arrangements Cabinet Report		
Appendices	Appendix 1 Funding Agreement exempt Appendix 2 Forge Island Part A EIA Appendix 3 Forge Island Part B EIA Appendix 4 Forge Island CIA		
Cabinet Member Approval	YES/NO (delete as appropriate)	Click here to enter a date.	
Report Authorised by Strategic Director	YES/NO (delete as appropriate)	Click here to enter a date.	
Report Authorised for publication by Chief Executive	YES/NO (delete as appropriate)	Click here to enter a date.	

Public Report with Exempt Appendices
Delegated Officer Decision

Committee Name and Date of Committee Meeting

Delegated Officer Decision – 23rd October 2023

Report Title

Acceptance of Transforming Cities Fund Grant: Forge Island Bridge

Is this a Key Decision and has it been included on the Forward Plan?

No, but it has been included on the Forward Plan

Assistant Director Approving Submission of the Report

Simon Moss, Assistant Director, Planning, Regeneration & Transport

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Ward(s) Affected

Boston Castle

Report Summary

Exercising of the delegated authority given to the Assistant Director; Planning, Regeneration & Transport, in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Jobs and the Local Economy and the S.151 Officer, to sign the Funding Agreement from South Yorkshire Mayoral Combined Authority in relation to the Transforming Cities Fund Grant: Forge Island Bridge.

Recommendations

1. That the Assistant Director; Planning, Regeneration & Transport permission to sign the Grant Agreement in relation to the acceptance of the Transforming Cities Fund Grant: Forge Island Bridge under the delegated powers: 'The implementation of any functions associated with any grant regime, including National Grants, City Region Grants & Programmes and European Funding'

List of Appendices Included

Appendix 1 Funding Agreement exempt
Appendix 2 Forge Island Part A EIA
Appendix 3 Forge Island Part B EIA
Appendix 4 Forge Island CIA

Background Papers

[Forge Island Final Delivery Arrangements Cabinet Report](#)

Consideration by any other Council Committee, Scrutiny or Advisory Panel

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Council Approval Required

No

Exempt from the Press and Public

An exemption is sought for Appendix 1 under Paragraph 3 (Information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the authority holding that information)) of Part I of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972 is requested, as this report contains sensitive commercial information with regards to commercial agreements which could disadvantage the Council in any negotiations if the information were to be made public.

It is considered that the public interest in maintaining the exemption would outweigh the public interest in disclosing the information, as the parties' commercial interests could be prejudiced by disclosure of commercial information.

Forge Island Bridge: Grant Acceptance

1.	Background
1.1	Forge Island occupies a central location within Rotherham Town Centre, with excellent public transport links and an attractive waterside setting. The Masterplan suggested the site would be suitable for a leisure-led mixed-use development, to act as a catalyst for future public and private investment into the town centre. Through an open and competitive process, Muse Developments Ltd. (Muse) were selected as the Council's preferred development partner in September 2018.
1.2	The development is now on site with practical completion scheduled for 2024.
1.3	The Forge Island bridge connects the town centre to the Forge Island development and was lifted into place in June 2023, having been front funded by Council capital. Funding for the bridge comes from the South Yorkshire Mayoral Combined Authority administered Transforming Cities Fund.
2.	Key Issues
2.1	Rotherham Council are required to sign a Funding Agreement which sets out the terms and conditions for the administration and delivery of the grant.
2.2	The grant agreement applies to the allocation of £1,000,000.
3.	Options considered and recommended proposal
3.1	Option 1 - That the Grant Agreement is signed and returned to the South Yorkshire Mayoral Combined Authority - RECOMMENDED
3.2	Option 2 - That the Grant Agreement is not signed; this option would mean that Rotherham would lose the grant.
4.	Consultation on proposal
4.1	Extensive public engagement has been carried out throughout the development and implementation of the Forge Island proposals dating back to pre-masterplan in 2017.
5.	Timetable and Accountability for Implementing this Decision
5.1	The Forge Island bridge is in place having been front funded by Council capital to enable to construction programme to stay on track. Following acceptance of the grant a capital variation will confirm acceptance of the grant into the capital programme.
5.2	The MOU, grant and project scope covers the period March 2020 to September 2024.

5.3	Implementation of the grant and project progress will be monitored through the Council's governance procedures.
6.	Financial and Procurement Advice and Implications (to be written by the relevant Head of Finance and the Head of Procurement on behalf of s151 Officer)
6.1	There are no direct procurement implications associated with the recommendation detailed in this report.
6.2	The acceptance of the grant will enable the replacement of £1m council funding with the grant funding subject to completion of a capital variation.
7.	Legal Advice and Implications (to be written by Legal Officer on behalf of Assistant Director Legal Services)
7.1	The terms of the grant are acceptable and set out the Council's obligations in respect of the construction of the Forge Island Bridge as stated in the body of the report.
8.	Human Resources Advice and Implications
8.1	There are no direct human resources implications arising from this report.
9.	Implications for Children and Young People and Vulnerable Adults
9.1	There are not considered to be any direct implications for Children & Young People and Vulnerable Adults.
10.	Equalities and Human Rights Advice and Implications
10.1	Equality Impact Assessments were carried out in 2022 during the early development and in readiness for the implementation of the Forge Island project.
11.	Implications for CO2 Emissions and Climate Change
11.1	Carbon Impact Assessments were carried out in 2022 during the early development and in readiness for the implementation of the Forge Island project.
12.	Implications for Partners
12.1.	There are no direct impacts from this decision on the delivery of services by partners. The delivery of the Forge Island scheme is widely seen as an important catalyst in regenerating Rotherham town centre and progress towards delivery is likely to be welcomed by partners
13.	Risks and Mitigation

13.1	The Council's development partner maintains detailed risk registers with respect to development and delivery of the scheme. The outcomes of the grant funding have been delivered and the bridge is already in place.
	The acceptance of this grant helps to mitigate risks to the Council's budget by replacing Council funding with grant.
14.	Accountable Officers
	Tim O'Connell, Head of RIDO
	Lorna Vertigan, Head of Regeneration

Approvals obtained on behalf of Statutory Officers: -

	Named Officer	Date
Chief Executive	Sharon Kemp	Click here to enter a date.
Strategic Director of Finance & Customer Services (S.151 Officer)	Named officer	Click here to enter a date.
Head of Legal Services (Monitoring Officer)	Named officer	Click here to enter a date.

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