



# EXECUTIVE MEMBER DECISION

<b>REPORT OF:</b>	Executive Member for Growth and Development Executive Member for Finance and Governance
<b>LEAD OFFICERS:</b>	Director of Growth and Development (Please Select)
<b>DATE:</b>	23 <sup>rd</sup> September 2019

<b>PORTFOLIO/S AFFECTED:</b>	Growth and Development
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<b>WARD/S AFFECTED:</b>	Blackburn Central
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<b>SUBJECT:</b> Jubilee Square Additional Funding
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## 1. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

To seek approval for the additional funding of £200,000 from the LTP 20/21 budget for additional resurfacing and street lighting works as part of Phase 2 of Jubilee Square.

## 2. RECOMMENDATIONS

That the Executive Member approves the additional funding of £200,000 from the LTP 20/21 budget additional for resurfacing and street lighting works as part of Phase 2 of Jubilee Square.

## 3. BACKGROUND

In July 2018 the Executive Board approved Blackburn Cinema, Undercroft & Jubilee Square Development Scheme. The Jubilee Square project is required to connect the external works between Blackburn Cinema, King Georges Hall, Blakey Moor and the new College campus. The scheme maximises the impact of the already committed investments and ensure that an attractive and inviting public setting is provided in line with the Conservation Area status and adjacent listed buildings. Jubilee Square will bring the neighbouring investment areas together, enhancing the setting, providing attractive pedestrian links and supporting the ongoing investment in the evening economy by attracting end users to establish and open new business premises in the area. The scheme incorporates the external cinema terrace and seating area for the new leisure units and includes a central green space feature, with relaxing seating and paving contrasts, in addition there are improvements to the external paving and highways.

Jubilee Square Phase 1 (Nab Lane Paving) works have been completed by Casey who will commence Phase 2 works in the new year once the cinema hoarding line has been reduced with completion scheduled for April/May 2020. It has been identified that resurfacing to Blakey Moor and Barton Street and new street lighting infrastructure is now required as part of the scheme to complete the regeneration of the area. Further funding of £200,000 is required to deliver the additional works.

## 4. KEY ISSUES & RISKS

The additional funding supports the Council's regeneration plans for the area, providing high quality public realm and a highways improvement scheme. If the Council does not approve the additional funding, this could have a detrimental effect on the new cinema development and reduce the

attractiveness for the future letting of Blakey Moor terrace and other Council owned properties in the area.

#### **5. POLICY IMPLICATIONS**

The development Jubilee Square is within the Northgate area of Blackburn Town Centre and meets the objectives of the Council's adopted Core Strategy and Local Plan Part 2. The additional funding is strategically important in terms of supporting the regeneration of town centre and the Council's long term proposals. It is considered that not making this decision to fund the additional works could prejudice the Council's interests for the area.

#### **6. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

The additional works will be funded from the 20/21 Local Transport Plan budget totalling £200,000.

#### **7. LEGAL IMPLICATIONS**

The scheme has been designed in accordance with relevant highway, transport, traffic and equality legislation. Procurement of the construction works is in accordance with the Council's Growth Framework. There are no legal implications for the request for additional funding.

#### **8. RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS**

Current staff resources from the Council's Growth team will be utilised to supervise the additional works on site. Casey has the required resource to deliver the works to the required timescales.

#### **9. EQUALITY AND HEALTH IMPLICATIONS**

**Please select one of the options below. Where appropriate please include the hyperlink to the EIA.**

Option 1  Equality Impact Assessment (EIA) not required – the EIA checklist has been completed.

Option 2  In determining this matter the Executive Member needs to consider the EIA associated with this item in advance of making the decision. (*insert EIA link here*)

Option 3  In determining this matter the Executive Board Members need to consider the EIA associated with this item in advance of making the decision. (*insert EIA attachment*)

#### **10. CONSULTATIONS**

Ongoing consultation with local businesses and residents is being undertaken as part of Jubilee Square works.

#### **11. STATEMENT OF COMPLIANCE**

The recommendations are made further to advice from the Monitoring Officer and the Section 151 Officer has confirmed that they do not incur unlawful expenditure. They are also compliant with equality legislation and an equality analysis and impact assessment has been considered. The recommendations reflect the core principles of good governance set out in the Council's Code of Corporate Governance.

#### **12. DECLARATION OF INTEREST**

All Declarations of Interest of any Executive Member consulted and note of any dispensation granted by the Chief Executive will be recorded and published if applicable.

**VERSION:** 1

**CONTACT OFFICER:** Simon Jones, Programme Director, Growth and Development

**DATE:** 23<sup>rd</sup> September 2019

**BACKGROUND PAPER:** EBD July 2018 - Blackburn Cinema, Undercroft Car Park & Jubilee Square Development Scheme