

## Officer Decision Record



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<b>Decision Maker:</b>	Dave Caulfield, Director of Economic Regeneration & Place
<b>Lead Officer:</b>	Julian Rudd, Head of Economic Development & Regeneration
<b>Title of Decision:</b>	Places & Movement Feasibility Study for Selby, Sherburn and Tadcaster: acceptance of grant funding and approval of WSP as appointed consultant
<b>Ward(s) Affected:</b>	Selby East, Selby West, Sherburn in Elmet, Tadcaster
<b>Type of Decision:</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>Key decision</b> <input type="checkbox"/> <del>Non-key decision discharging (or connected to the discharge of) an Executive function</del> <input type="checkbox"/> <del>Specific delegation from Council or Committee</del> <input type="checkbox"/> <del>Grant of permission / licence</del> <input type="checkbox"/> <del>Affecting the rights of an individual</del> <input type="checkbox"/> <del>Awarding a contract or incurring expenditure which materially affects the financial position of the Council</del> <input type="checkbox"/> <del>Decision under urgency</del>
<b>Details of decision:</b>	<p><b>RESOLVED:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>To accept an offer of grant funding from the York and North Yorkshire Local Enterprise Partnership of £70,000 towards a Places and Movement Feasibility Study for Selby, Sherburn and Tadcaster.</b></li> <li><b>To approve the appointment of WSP to complete the feasibility study.</b></li> </ol>

## **Background**

The Council identified a need for a places and movement study for Selby, Sherburn-in-Elmet and Tadcaster. This would consider current and future issues and propose a pipeline of interlinked short-to-medium term solutions that would help deliver the Council's regeneration ambitions. North Yorkshire County Council, as Highway Authority, had also identified a need to complete project development work to improve congestion and air quality issues in Selby town. It was therefore agreed that the study should be a joint project.

## **Scope of the study**

The feasibility study will consider the impact of issues, such as:

- Creating attractive spaces that encourage activity including, retail and leisure, especially post-Covid
- Climate change and health and well-being outcomes
- New residential and employment development
- An increasing, and aging, population
- Congestion and pinch point junctions
- Poor pedestrian and cycle permeability
- Increased rail provision and usage, but reduced bus provision
- Air quality

The study will build on assessment work already completed, including early concept drawings for some Selby, Sherburn and Tadcaster junctions. It will also take into consideration the Local Cycling and Walking Investment Plans (LCWIP), Selby High Street HAZ and the Selby Station Masterplan proposals and the emerging new Local Plan.

A pipeline of interlinked short-to-medium-term solutions will be proposed that, as a package, result in the district's three main population centres being accessible to all and places that people want to live and work in and enjoy. This pipeline will focus primarily on projects of up to c£5m for delivery within five years; projects up to c£10m and delivery within 10 years could be included in lesser detail. Consultation on options will be included as part of the study.

Projects are likely to include:

- Public realm creation/enhancement
- Junction redesign
- Traffic management and enforcement, with changes to

- routing of vehicles and access
- Realignment of space to encourage active travel
- Improved public transport infrastructure
- Parking alterations

This will enable both councils to bring forward 'bid ready' projects (i.e. Strategic Outline Business Case stage) that have public support as funding becomes available.

### Proposed approach

It was agreed that NYCC Highways would commission WSP to complete this study through their framework contract. Due to time constraints, having a consultant already appointed significantly reduces the risk of project delays. WSP also have considerable relevant experience and in-depth knowledge of the district through recent and current work on junction and traffic modelling, the Selby Station Gateway TCF and LCWIP proposals. NYCC will be therefore be responsible for payment to WSP, with Selby District Council reimbursing its share. The Council's project lead will be...

### Funding

WSP's fee for this work is £150,000 (excluding VAT, inclusive of travel and expenses). An application for funding was submitted in January to the York and North Yorkshire Local Enterprise Partnership (LEP), following a call for feasibility projects. This application was successful and in April the LEP offered Selby District Council a maximum of £70,000 towards estimated total feasibility costs of £150,000. The study has to be complete by 31 March 2021.

Feasibility Study cost	£150,000
SDC	£20,000
NYCC	£60,000
Y&NY LEP	£70,000
<b>Total funding</b>	<b>£150,000</b>

### Outcomes

A single report, plus supporting evidence base, with 'bid ready' project proposals for Selby, Sherburn and Tadcaster.

### Reason for decision:

The feasibility study represents good value for money and will result in a pipeline of projects approved by both SDC and NYCC.

### Alternative options considered and

**Smaller study** (e.g. Selby only): This would be less effective in identifying a prioritised pipeline of projects. Executive members emphasised the need for all three towns to be included in the

<b>rejected:</b>	feasibility study. <b>Separate studies complete by NYCC and SDC:</b> This would be less effective as it would include an element of duplication and might lead to conflicting proposals.  <b>Not to take forward:</b> Match funding from NYCC and the LEP means that a feasibility study can be completed now. It is by no means certain that similar levels of funding would be available in future.
<b>Member Interests:</b> <i>(Name of any Member who has declared a conflict of interest in relation to the decision and details of any dispensation granted by the Head of Paid Service if appropriate)</i>	N/A
<b>Legal, Financial or other implications:</b>	<b>Legal:</b> The funding agreement with the YNY LEP needs to be signed and sealed  <b>Financial:</b> S151 Officer approval to accept the funding is required.
<b>Background papers:</b>	YNY LEP offer letter etc. WSP project proposal document
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<b>Signed:</b>	<b><i>Signature redacted</i></b>  Dave Caulfield, Director of Economic Regeneration and Place
<b>Date of Decision:</b>	3 August 2020