

CABINET

DATE OF MEETING: 7 JANUARY 2021

TITLE OF REPORT: FLEET POND GREEN CORRIDOR

Report of: Head of Environment and Technical Services

Cabinet member: Councillor David Neighbour, Leader and Strategic Direction and Partnerships

1 PURPOSE OF REPORT

1.1 To seek Cabinet approval to release funding subject to planning permission and tenders being received within budget.

2 OFFICER RECOMMENDATION

2.1 That funding allocated within the councils’ capital programme is released to deliver the Fleet Pond Green Corridor subject to planning permission being granted and the successful tender being within the approved budget.

3 BACKGROUND

3.1 Cabinet August 2019 [Paper J] agreed to accept £2.1M [£1.4M in grant and £0.7M in loan] from Enterprise M3 LEP towards the delivery of the Fleet Pond Green Corridor project as set out in the terms of the LEP offer

3.2 Cabinet January 2020 [Paper E] agreed that £0.7M for the project would be taken from Council capital reserves and not borrowed from the Local Enterprise Partnership; and agreed that £80k was released from section 106 contributions to procure the detailed design and supervision of the project

4 CONSIDERATIONS

4.1 The project meets the objectives set out in “Theme 3” of Hart’s Vision for 2040, and specifically supports the aspirations of the Hart Green Grid Project. In doing so it provides opportunities for movement between both Fleet and Hartland Park connecting to the wider area, with Fleet Train Station, It also enhances a valuable leisure, cultural and heritage asset.

5 FINANCIAL AND RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

Is the proposal identified in the Service Plan?	Yes
Is the proposal being funded from current budgets?	Yes
Have staffing resources already been identified and set aside for this proposal?	Yes

The financial implications of this report are as set out in the January 2020 Cabinet Paper E.

6 ACTION

6.1 Approval of the proposed recommendation will result in the following actions being taken:

- a) Tenders for the construction of the Fleet Pond Green Corridor will be invited using the Gen 3 framework.
- b) The most advantageous tender will be accepted using the agreed selection criteria.
- c) The contract for the works will be awarded.
- d) Works will commence on site.

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APPENDICES / CONFIDENTIAL APPENDICES

None.

BACKGROUND PAPERS:

Cabinet August 2019: Paper J: Fleet Pond Green Corridor

Cabinet January 2020: Paper E: Fleet Pond Feasibility Study And Green Corridor Update