

**Wiltshire Council**

**Cabinet Capital Assets Committee**

**10 September 2012**

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**Subject: Salisbury Market Place**

**Cabinet Member: Cllr Fleur de Rhe Philippe  
Economic Development and Strategic Planning**

**Key Decision: Yes**

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### **Executive Summary**

This report is to outline the case for investment in the Salisbury Market Place Public Realm Improvement Project.

Cabinet is asked to consider the under mentioned proposals following the approval of the concept plans by the Salisbury Community Area Board on 1 August 2012.

### **Proposals**

**That Cabinet**

- (a) approves delivery of the Market Place Public Realm Improvement Project within the £3 million budget discussed via the current Transformation Programme allocation already within the Capital Programme to undertake the scheme and**
- (b) agrees to delegate authority to the Service Director of Economy and Regeneration and the Service Director of Highways and Transport in agreement with the Chief Finance Officer and in consultation with the Chair of the Community Area Board to commission and deliver the project.**

### **Reason for Proposals**

To deliver the transformation of the Market Place into a more attractive, vibrant, high quality public space of which the city can be proud, and reflect its important public function and historic setting.

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#### **Purpose of Report**

1. This report is to outline the case for investment in the Salisbury Market Place Public Realm Improvement Project.

#### **Background**

2. Following the Cabinet Capital Assets Committee report of the 24<sup>th</sup> July on the Market Place, the Salisbury Community Area Board approved the concept (Appendix 1) as stated in the minutes of the extraordinary Community Area Board meeting that took place on the 1<sup>st</sup> August 2012 (see point 3).
3. The Community Area Board approved the revised plans for the redesign of the Salisbury Market Place, subject to:
  - i. A review of the feasibility of disabled parking provision in Queen Street
  - ii. Completion of a satisfactory sample of the granite setts
  - iii. Consultation to be carried out on the detail of benches and the heritage trail and any other relevant areas.
4. Approval to move to delivery within the budget allocated is now sought from the Cabinet Capital Assets Committee to help realise the benefits outlined in the report of the 24<sup>th</sup> July 2012.

#### **Main Considerations for the Committee**

5. Technical consultants Mouchel have been assisting the Salisbury Community Area Board and Council Officers with the initial concept phase and have shown that this project can deliver the scheme components and achieve specified outcomes within an allocation of 'up to £3 million'.

#### **Environmental and climate change considerations**

6. Removal of the car park from the Market Place is a positive move from an environmental point of view and will encourage the use of park and ride.

Low energy lighting/LED lighting is used in the scheme, which will have a positive impact on resultant carbon reduction costs over time.

### **Equalities impact of the proposal**

7. The Council will consult as necessary with all groups and individuals and take the findings into account when producing a final design.

### **Risk Assessment**

8. A full project risk register is available on request.

### **Financial implications**

9. Members of Salisbury DC and Wiltshire CC made a capital provision of £3m in 2008-9 for this development. As with other property plans within the capital programme all forms of funding was amalgamated and transferred into the transformation programme in 2011-12. The scheme as designed is estimated to cost £2.9m, the capital cost of which will be funded from within the transformation programme, spread over two financial years 2012-13 and 2013-14.

### **Legal implications**

10. Procurement should be conducted in accordance with the Councils Contract Regulations.

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**The following unpublished documents have been relied on in the preparation of this Report:**     None

## Appendix: 1. Concept Plan

