

DECISION ITEM

REPORT OF	MEETING	DATE	ITEM NO
DEVELOPMENT SERVICES DIRECTORATE	PLANNING COMMITTEE	12 June 2019	4
USE OF SECTION 106 MONIES – KIRKHAM AND WESHAM STATION			

PUBLIC ITEM

This item is for consideration in the public part of the meeting.

SUMMARY

Officers have been working with Network Rail, Northern Rail and Lancashire County Council in order to examine whether there is potential to provide park and ride facilities at Kirkham and Wesham Railway Station. The council currently holds Section 106 contributions paid in accordance with planning permissions granted for various development sites in the Kirkham and Wesham Area, secured in order to improve sustainable transport initiatives in the vicinity of those sites. The next phase in this work would be to commission an Options and Design Report in order to progress the project to the next stage and Members are requested to authorise the use of these funds for this purpose.

RECOMMENDATIONS

The Committee is recommended:

1. To recommend to Finance and Democracy Committee approval of a fully-funded increase to the Capital Programme in the sum of £15,000 for 2019/20 for the Kirkham and Wesham Station Car Parking Options and Design Report, to be met in full from S106 developer contributions for delivery of improvements at the railway station currently held by the Council for this purpose;
2. To authorise the proposed expenditure in respect of the GRIP 3 Options and Design Report in the total sum of £15,000 as detailed within this report; and
3. To authorise officers to work with staff from Network Rail, Northern Rail and officers of Lancashire County Council in order to explore options to deliver additional car parking facilities at the station ahead of reporting findings back to the Planning Committee.

SUMMARY OF PREVIOUS DECISIONS

None

CORPORATE PRIORITIES

Spending your money in the most efficient way to achieve excellent services (Value for Money)	✓
Delivering the services that customers expect of an excellent council (Clean and Green)	✓
Working with all partners (Vibrant Economy)	✓

To make sure Fylde continues to be one of the most desirable places to live (A Great Place to Live)	√
Promoting Fylde as a great destination to visit (A Great Place to Visit)	√

REPORT

1. Improvements to Kirkham and Wesham Station that will help to encourage greater use of sustainable modes of transport form a key element of the Infrastructure Delivery Plan which, in turn, informed the policies of the Fylde Local Plan to 2032. In addition, the lack of car parking at Kirkham and Wesham Station has resulted in inconsiderate on street parking which causes problems for local residents and wider highway safety issues. As services stopping at this particular station improve following the electrification of the Blackpool North Line, it is expected that there will be additional demand from rail users to park in the area, which will further exacerbate the parking issues if not addressed.
2. These ongoing issues have been recognised and officers have been working with staff from Network Rail and Northern Railways to understand whether there are any opportunities to provide additional off street parking at the station. Recent track rationalisation work has provided a number of opportunities to provide additional car parking that can be further, but it will be necessary to commission a piece of work to fully explore the constraints and opportunities that exist at the station.
3. The rail industry utilise a management and control process known as GRIP – Governance for Railway Investment Projects - developed to minimise and mitigate the risks associated with projects to enhance or renew the operational railway and projects. GRIP divides a project into eight distinct stages as set out in the diagram below.



Figure 1 – GRIP lifecycle

4. The next stage of the process would be to commission a GRIP 2 Options and Design Report which is estimated will cost in the region of £15,000.
5. When granting planning permission for various developments in the Kirkham and Wesham area, Section 106 contributions have been secured in order to improve facilities at the railway station, including the provision of park and ride facilities. In particular, the Council has received a payment of £62,500 in regard to the section 106 agreement relating to application reference 13/0655 at Mill Farm, Wesham. This payment, which is a phased payment of a larger sum of £125,000, is to provide improved transport facilities, including *“Improved sustainable travel measures at and on route to Kirkham and Wesham Station (including potential park and ride facilities, cycle storage and stands).”* It is recommended that some of these Sn 106 monies be used to finance the Options and Design Report, which will allow the options available and the likely costs of delivering those options to be established.
6. If agreed, officers will continue to work with railways staff and officers of Lancashire County Council in order to examine potential options ahead of reporting the findings back to Planning Committee.

IMPLICATIONS	
Finance	This reports requests an addition to Capital Programme in the sum of £15,000 for 2019/20 for the Kirkham and Wesham Station Car Parking Options and Design Report, to be met in full from S106 developer contributions currently held by the Council for this purpose.
Legal	
Community Safety	None
Human Rights and Equalities	None
Sustainability and Environmental Impact	The project will improve access to sustainable modes of transport, reducing individual intermediate and long distance car journeys with attendant improvements to pollution, CO2 emissions and traffic congestion.
Health & Safety and Risk Management	None

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BACKGROUND PAPERS		
Name of document	Date Approved	Where available for inspection
Application reference 13/0655 – Mill Farm, Wesham	17/02/2015	www3.fylde.gov.uk/online-applications/