

# INFORMATION ITEM

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## KIRKHAM AND WESHAM STATION PARK AND RIDE FACILITY

#### **PUBLIC ITEM**

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

### **SUMMARY OF INFORMATION**

On 11 November 2020, Planning Committee considered a <u>report</u> that set out the findings of a <u>feasibility study</u>, commissioned to explore a range of options to provide a park and ride facility at Kirkham and Wesham Station.

At that time, the cost of the project was estimated at £1.637m, far in excess of the £479,000 Section 106 contributions that had been secured to support improvements to the railway station. Members resolved to ring fence these funds for the project and asked officers to explore alternative funding sources to help deliver the project. To date, no such funding has been identified and no additional s106 funds have been received or are expected through additional planning permissions. It should also be noted that the cost of delivering the project is now likely to have increased significantly due to the recent, unprecedented, rise in building costs.

Officers will continue the search for suitable funding to deliver the project, with the assistance of Lancashire County Council's Rail Development Manager, who has been appointed since the project was last considered by Members.

Officers are mindful that the Sn 106 funds may need to be repaid if they are not utilised in a timely manner and so a further report will be brought for consideration if there is any danger that the funds will need to be repaid o the developer, the earliest repayment date being June 2028

#### **SOURCE OF INFORMATION**

**Head of Planning** 

#### WHY IS THIS INFORMATION BEING GIVEN TO THE COMMITTEE?

Planning Committee requested that they be updated on progress in securing additional funding when the feasibility study was considered.

### **FURTHER INFORMATION**

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