

## Yeovil Refresh Wyndham Street Public Realm Funding

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## Purpose of the Report

1. The report is seeking an allocation of funding from the corporate capital contingency fund to enable the delivery of regenerative improvements in the Wyndham Street Area of Yeovil. The section of street is identified by the Yeovil Refresh public realm workstream as an area in need of regeneration.
2. This request follows the change of scope report to District Executive in June 2022. The agreed change of scope allowed reallocation of the existing Wyndham Street funding to other public realm projects creating a need to either identify further funding for this section or remove it from the workstream. District Executive requested that a report be brought back to the committee to consider the options for potential further funding.

## Forward Plan

3. This report appeared on the District Executive Forward Plan as a follow up to the report to committee in June 2022.

## Public Interest

4. The report seeks an allocation of £0.891m from the corporate capital contingency fund to deliver public realm improvements in the Wyndham Street area. This will enable completion of all planned public realm sections associated with the Yeovil Refresh.

## Recommendations

5. That District Executive agree:
  - a) to allocate up to £0.891m from the corporate capital contingency fund to the delivery of public realm improvements in the Wyndham Street Area, Yeovil.
  - b) a budget increase of £0.891m making the revised Yeovil Refresh budget £22.729m.

## Background



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6. The Yeovil Refresh was adopted in late 2018 following a detailed consultation programme. It seeks to regenerate Yeovil Town centre through four key theme areas which together create a comprehensive strategic approach to town centre improvement.
7. The Public Realm aspect of the project aims to deliver improvements including: the introduction of street trees and planting, improved drainage, decluttering of streets, reduction of the conflict between pedestrians and vehicles, reduction of through traffic and improvement of air quality.
8. This report deals with a request to allocate funding to the final public realm project within Yeovil town centre. This is the area of streets around Wyndham Street in the eastern part of the town centre. The approval of the request would enable completion of all planned improvements to the public realm sections originally envisaged by the Yeovil Refresh Project. The plans in this area would make improvements covering; the eastern end of Middle Street, Newton Road, a section of Wyndham Street and Sherborne Road to its junction with Reckleford.

### Allocation of funding request

9. The construction of Yeovil public realm is split into a number of different sections which have all been subject to tendering using the SSDC Public Realm Framework.
10. The construction of the street sections is split as follows:
  1. Westminster Street South Phase 1 – Contract in place
  2. Westminster Street North Phase 2 – Contract in place
  3. Triangle and Wine Street – Contract in place
  4. Middle Street, High Street and Borough – Contract in place
  5. Wyndham Street area – Tender prices submitted
11. In June 2022, it was agreed that the existing public realm budget would be utilized to deliver sections 1-4 outlined above. Officers were also instructed to consider the funding options for section 5, which forms the basis of this report.
12. The pre tender estimations calculated in October last year, suggested that the costs of the works would likely be £0.769m. The tenders have since been received and the current market value of the works, following negotiations, is £0.849. There remains the inevitable risk of unknown underground services which can cause delays and subsequent costs and the issue of increasing inflationary pressures. Therefore, the request includes a sum of 5% to replace the project contingency that was transferred to fund section 4 of the public realm, as part of the previous scope change report in June 2022.
13. This therefore creates a total request of up to £0.891m from the capital contingency fund.
14. The negotiated price for this contract has been held by the tenderer pending a decision by District Executive. If this decision is not able to be made in August members should be aware that the likely outcome would be that costs would elevate in any future contract tendering process.

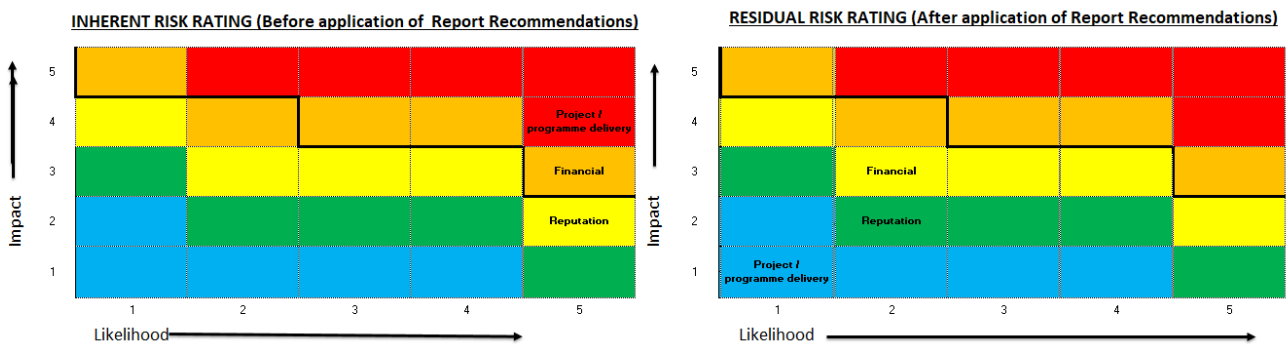
### Financial Implications

- The current approved capital budget for the Yeovil Refresh is £21.838m, the budget includes £0.350m of S106 contributions. This report requests a budget increase of £0.891m making the revised budget £22.729m. The requested increase of £0.891m is to be allocated from the corporate capital contingency fund.
- The corporate capital contingency fund of £4m was approved by Full Council in February 2022 as part of the 2022/23 capital programme. Therefore, the approval of the £0.891m from the contingency fund does not result in additional financial implications to the Council.

## Legal implications and details of Statutory Powers

- There are no specific issues identified within this report. This report is a request to allocate agreed contingency funds to a specific project which requires approval by District Executive. This is part of the standard budget management processes of the council.

## Risk Matrix



Risk Ref	Risk Category	Inherent Risk Rating	Residual Risk Rating
1	Project / programme delivery	21	1
2	Financial	16	13
3	Delivery of Services	0	0
4	Staffing & Capacity	0	0
5	Reputation	11	8
6	Health & Safety	0	0
7	Governance & Legal	0	0

Risk Description	Mediation / Controls
Unable to deliver Wyndham Street Public Realm Improvements	Increase funding through use of corporate contingency
Insufficient budget to deliver part of the project	Increase funding through use of corporate contingency
0	0
0	0
Unable to fully complete a corporate priority	Increase funding through use of corporate contingency
0	0
0	0

## Council Plan Implications

- The Yeovil Refresh is a Council Plan priority for 2022/23. If committee agree the recommendation, it would enable delivery of the remaining public realm section within that priority.

## Carbon Emissions and Climate Change Implications

- This report seeks allocation of funds to deliver improvements. Carbon Emissions and climate change has been taken into account in design of the public realm including the promotion of



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active travel and an increase in street trees and areas of planting. This is included within this proposed area.

### Equality and Diversity Implications

20. Equality and diversity has been considered in all of the projects at design and construction phases. This will continue to be applied but is not directly applicable to this report content.

<i>An Equality Impact Relevance Check Form has been completed in respect of the Proposal?</i>	Yes
<i>The Impact Relevance Check indicated that a full EIA was required?</i>	No
<i>If an EIA was <b>not</b> required please attach the Impact Relevance Check Form as an Appendix to this report and provide a brief summary of its findings in the comments box below. – Attached</i>	
<b>Additional Comments</b>	
None	

### Privacy Impact Assessment

21. There are no identified impacts in this area of assessment related to this report.

### Background Papers

22. Yeovil Refresh Change of Scope Report District Executive - June 2022