

<b>Report To:</b>	<b>CABINET</b>	<b>Date:</b>	<b>18 FEBRUARY 2019</b>
<b>Heading:</b>	<b>MAID MARIAN LINE ECONOMIC GROWTH FEASIBILITY STUDY</b>		
<b>Portfolio Holder:</b>	<b>LEADER OF THE COUNCIL, COUNCILLOR JASON ZADROZNY</b>		
<b>Ward/s:</b>	<b>SUMMIT WARD</b>		
<b>Key Decision:</b>	<b>No</b>		
<b>Subject to Call-In:</b>	<b>Yes</b>		

### **Purpose of Report**

To seek approval to commission a high level feasibility study into the local economic growth opportunities arising from the proposed Maid Marian Line between Sutton Parkway and Kirkby in Ashfield station and the proposed HS2 station at Toton.

### **Recommendation(s)**

**To delegate to the Interim Director Place and Communities in conjunction with the Leader to commission a high level feasibility study into local economic growth opportunities linked to the proposed Maid Marian line.**

### **Reasons for Recommendation(s)**

The Maid Marian line rail link between Sutton Parkway, Kirkby in Ashfield to Toton was first proposed by Ashfield District Council and is now one of the options being considered by HS2 Steering Group to support connectivity with Toton. In order to further inform discussion and decision making a high level economic growth study is proposed.

### **Alternative Options Considered**

Not to undertake a study is an option but not recommended as this would mean that the potential for local economic growth is overlooked.

### **Detailed Information**

The suggested study would examine opportunities along the proposed line and consider the potential for economic growth linked to the line. That said the main focus of the study will be on the area local to the stations in Ashfield and the issues and opportunities that this might represent. The

detailed specification of the study will be established by officers before the work is commissioned out to the private sector. Internal capacity is already fully committed and private sector expertise would be advantageous on this project. The project is not looking at the feasibility of the line itself which has already been initially considered through the AECOM study commissioned by the HS2 Strategic Board. A further study on the Maid Marian line itself is being undertaken alongside other connectivity projects via the Gateway process being undertaken by the HS2 Partnership. The findings from this are not yet known.

## **Implications**

### **Corporate Plan:**

The proposal sits well with the Council's corporate priorities.

### **Legal:**

The procurement of the feasibility study shall be in accordance with Contract Procedure Rules.

### **Finance:**

<b>Budget Area</b>	<b>Implication</b>
General Fund – Revenue Budget	Once the report has been specified and costs estimated officers will undertake an Officer Decision Record to draw funds from the Economic Development Reserve to fund the project. This will be well within approved financial guidance and levels.
General Fund – Capital Programme	N/A
Housing Revenue Account – Revenue Budget	N/A
Housing Revenue Account – Capital Programme	N/A

### **Risk:**

<b>Risk</b>	<b>Mitigation</b>
Project drift and or cost escalation	The project will be specified and managed and controlled in line with Council's project management framework.

### **Human Resources:**

None arising

### **Equalities:**

None arising

### **Other Implications:**

None

### **Reason(s) for Urgency**

*Not applicable*

**Reason(s) for Exemption**

*Not applicable*

**Background Papers**

*Not applicable*

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