

## **CABINET MEMBER DECISION**

### **Decision:**

HOUSING INFRASTRUCTURE FUND, VICTORIA ARCH, WOKING - COMPULSORY PURCHASE

#### **(i) Details of decision**

That officers may acquire land compulsorily as required by the Housing Infrastructure Fund project for Woking town centre using the Council's powers under the Highways Act 1980 if negotiation proves unsuccessful.

#### **(ii) Reasons for decision**

Woking Borough Council (WBC) is acting as the recipient to the Housing Infrastructure Fund and lead authority for project delivery. In this role WBC has considered the use of its compulsory purchase order (CPO) powers and had a resolution by Full Council on 30 July 2020 approving the use of compulsory purchase powers order under the relevant statutory powers (being the powers under the Highways Act 1980 or the powers under the Town and Country Planning Act 1990, as appropriate) in respect of the "Order Land" identified in Annex 1 to facilitate the carrying out of the scheme.

Since that time, Counsel's advice has been to progress the CPO under the Highways Act, the reason being that most of the land still to be acquired is for the highways scheme, which falls to SCC as Highway Authority.

Cabinet Member approval is now sought to progress the CPO process under the powers of the Highways Act 1980.

#### **(iii) Details of any alternative options considered and rejected**

None.

#### **(iv) Details of any consultation and representations received not included in the published report**

None.

### **Conflicts of Interest and any Dispensations Granted**

(Any conflict of interest declared by any other Cabinet Member consulted in relation to the decision to be recorded and any dispensations granted by the Audit and Governance Committee)

None.

### **Decision taken by:**

**(i) Name: Mr Matt Furniss**

**(ii) Portfolio: Cabinet Member for Highways**

**Date of Decision:** 2 February 2021

**Date of Publication of Record of Decision:** 2 February 2021

**Date decision effective** (i.e. 5 working days after date of publication of record of decision unless subject to call-in by the Environment and Transport Select Committee): 10 February 2021