

Policy and Resources Committee 4th December 2014
Ryedale Economic Action Plan and Major Projects update. Annex C

Update on Major Projects.

£100K was allocated by Policy and Resources Committee in June 2013 and April 2014 to the Major Projects, an element of the Ryedale Development Fund. An additional sum was allocated to the expansion of Derwent Training Association. (Minutes 9, 72 and 73 refer). The purpose of the Fund was to enable investigatory and project development work to take place in advance of major capital projects (with employment and economic benefits) and enable a 'pipeline' of investment ready projects to be developed.

Malton Livestock Market (£25K Interest Free Loan)

An interest-free loan of £25k was awarded to progress the proposal toward delivery stage (e.g. towards feasibility studies / business planning (if not yet prepared) or towards designs /costings), subject to:

- i) agreement being reached on which of the two competing proposals should progress; and
- ii) match funding being available.

The two parties proposing alternative livestock market proposals were made aware, in December 2013, of the availability of this funding and what information they would need to provide in order to access it.

A single written proposal was received from the Malton and Ryedale Livestock Market Company (LMC) and this relates to construction of a new livestock market facility as an integral part of the proposed agri-business park adjacent to Eden Camp, for which Members have approved planning consent . Both parties were subsequently informed (in September 2014) that the Council intended entering into discussions with the LMC, with a view to agreeing the loan terms.

Further details have been requested from LMC, including of proposed security / guarantees for the loan. Full details to be considered by the Head of Economy and Housing, in consultation with the Chair of P&R, once all the required information is available.

Milton Rooms Improvement (£25K)

A grant of £25k was awarded towards progression of Milton Rooms improvements, subject to:

- i) outcomes of options appraisal /business plan and agreement of preferred option; and
- ii) match funding being available;
- iii) 12 months consolidation and successful operation of the new MRCT (following P&R on 03 April 2014)

The options appraisal / business plan has been completed and a preferred option agreed.

In the mean-time, MRCT are continuing to develop their governance arrangements and move towards becoming a company limited by guarantee, whilst remaining a registered charity). Five sub-committees have been formed, each reporting to the Trustee Board and each with a defined area of responsibility, as follows:

- Venue management and operations
- Programming and media
- Finance and fundraising
- Development project
- Governance

The Development Sub-Committee is developing proposals for a phased and incremental approach towards implementing the preferred option and it is expected that the funding will be used to fund architectural, engineering, access, or other specialist consultants to identify a phased programme of required improvements.

In accordance with the above condition, the earliest that this funding can be accessed by MRCT is April 2015. Full details of MRCT's proposals to be considered by the Head of Economy and Housing, in consultation with the Chair of P&R, once all the required information is available.

FERA Applied Innovation Campus (£25K)

A grant of £25k was awarded for investment towards the business case to support funding bids for the junction improvement, subject to:

- i) contributions being agreed by partners, including the LEP, and
- ii) there being potential for Local Transport Body or similar funding towards the junction improvement.

Jacobs have completed a first phase of work to identify potential options for improvements/intervention (funded by DEFRA). The RDC grant will part-fund the costs of a second phase to further develop the identified option from the previous phase and produce outline designs and costings. The study will provide the level of information required to enable subsequent funding bids to be developed towards implementation of the identified option. The final study outcomes are due to be completed by March 2015.

Further information has been requested from DEFRA, including total costs, match funding available and procurement details. Full details to be considered by the Head of Economy and Housing, in consultation with the Chair of P&R, once all the required information is available.

A64 Improvement Study (£20K)

A grant of £20k was awarded towards progression of targeted A64 Improvements.

A joint study is to be undertaken, jointly funded by NYCC, Scarborough Borough Council and RDC. Officers have written to NYCC Highways setting out RDC's offer of funding and NYCC have confirmed their acceptance.

The study will identify, and undertake feasibility work into, potential improvements between

Crambeck to Musley Bank (anticipated to be indicative alignment for upgrading to dual carriageway), a review of Rillington bypass, identification of potential routes for a bypass of Sherburn. Options east of Malton and Norton are likely to be single carriageway as traffic flows are unlikely to justify dual carriageway. The final study outcomes are due to be completed by the end of February 2015.

The study will provide the level of information required to enable subsequent funding bids to be developed towards implementation of the identified option.

Malton to Pickering Cycle Route Feasibility Study (£3K)

An amount of £3k was awarded towards progression of a Malton to Pickering Cycle Route.

Sustrans have been appointed to undertake a feasibility study to investigate the most appropriate route options, any required improvements (e.g. to surfacings, signposting etc), estimated costs and potential funding sources.

The draft report was presented at a meeting with officers from Economy and Community and NYCC Highways on 12 November 2014. Sustrans to issue a final draft by the end of November.

An initial payment of 50% of the fee has been paid, the final 50% will be paid on completion of a satisfactory final report.

Derwent Training Association Expansion (£30K)

DTA are receiving a £30K investment towards the £73K approximate expansion of the engineering training facility on the current site at York Road Industrial Estate. The project is for the construction element as opposed to funding for technical background studies. Drawn plans and quantity surveyor cost estimates have already been completed.

The project involves a small side extension, mezzanine floor and reconfigured class rooms, to create:

- 27% increase in student intake capacity (from 55 p.a. in 2013 to 70 p.a. estimated).
- Focus on expanding area of 'clean' technology and electronics.
- Improved non-contact time for trainers.
- Improved facilities for students and staff. This includes an expanded locker room and kitchen facilities. Separate toilet facilities for staff which is a requirement for safeguarding when younger students are present will also be created.
- Additional workshop / classroom

The project was planned for completion by September 2014, to be ready for the new intake of students. However, due to a delay in the procurement process (a requirement of the investment), it proved impossible to start the building works in time for a completion prior to the September intake. Consequently, the project is now

delayed until sufficient 'down time' is available in the DTA training schedule to allow the building works to commence, without unduly affecting the apprentices, including the 60 new starters this year. It is anticipated this will be in spring 2015. Officers are in regular liaison with DTA.