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Notice of Non-key Executive Decision

Subject Heading:	PROPOSED PEDESTRIAN REFUGES, SQUIRRELS HEATH ROAD & SHEPHERDS HILL Outcome of public consultation
Cabinet Member:	Cllr Osman Dervish Environment
SLT Lead:	Dipti Patel
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Policy context:	Havering Local Development Framework (2008) Havering Local Implementation Plan 2018/19 Delivery Plan
Financial summary:	The estimated cost of £0.05m for the works will met by Transport for London through the 2018/19 Local Implementation Plan allocation Squirrels Heath Road/ Shepherds Hill pedestrian refuges (A2917).
Relevant OSC:	Environment
Is this decision exempt from being called-in?	No

The subject matter of this report deals with the following Council Objectives

Communities making Havering
Places making Havering
Opportunities making Havering
Connections making Havering

Part A – Report seeking decision

DETAIL OF THE DECISION REQUESTED AND RECOMMENDED ACTION

This Executive Decision approves the implementation of pedestrian refuges in Squirrels Heath Road and Shepherds Hill, following the recommendation of the Highways Advisory Committee.

AUTHORITY UNDER WHICH DECISION IS MADE

Council's Constitution

Part 3, Section 2.5 (s) To consider recommendations of the Highways Advisory Committee relating to highways and traffic schemes and to make decisions relating to them.

Part 3, Section 2.6, paragraph (y) Portfolios to be assigned to individual Cabinet Members - Highways & Traffic Schemes

STATEMENT OF THE REASONS FOR THE DECISION

At its meeting of 23rd October 2018, the Highways Advisory Committee considered a report on the proposals (copy attached) and the following recommendations;

1. That the Committee having considered the report and the representations made recommends to the Cabinet Member for Environment, following consultation with the Leader of the Council, that the proposed pedestrian refuge on Squirrels Heath Road is implemented as shown on Drawing QR017/SHR/FS/GA/100.
2. That the Committee having considered the report and the representations made recommends to the Cabinet Member for Environment, following consultation with the Leader of the Council, that the proposed pedestrian refuge on Shepherds Hill is either;
 - (a) Implemented as shown on Drawing QR017/SH/FS/GA/110, or
 - (b) Rejected.
3. That it be noted that the estimated cost of £0.05m for the works will be met by Transport for London through the 2018/19 Local Implementation Plan allocation Squirrels Heath Road/ Shepherds Hill pedestrian refuges (A2917).

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The HAC, having considered the report, made the following Recommendations;

1. That both refuges be implemented as proposed.

This decision reflects the recommendations of the HAC and adopts the justification for the decision set out in the report to the HAC.

OTHER OPTIONS CONSIDERED AND REJECTED

The Committee considered whether or not the refuge at Shepherds Hill should be implemented, but on balance, that it should be.

PRE-DECISION CONSULTATION

None.

NAME AND JOB TITLE OF STAFF MEMBER ADVISING THE DECISION-MAKER

Name: Mark Philpotts

Designation: Principal Engineer

Signature: 

Date: 24th October 2018

Part B - Assessment of implications and risks

LEGAL IMPLICATIONS AND RISKS

The Council's power to construct and maintain places of refuge for the protection of pedestrians in the maintained highway is set out in Part V of the Highways Act 1980 ('HA1980')

In considering any responses received during consultation, the Council must ensure that full consideration of all representations is given including those which do not accord with the officer's recommendation. The Council must be satisfied that any objections to the proposals were taken into account.

In considering any consultation responses, the Council must balance the concerns of any objectors with the statutory duty under section 122 RTRA 1984.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS AND RISKS

This report is asking the Cabinet Member to agree the following;

- 1) The implementation of the proposed pedestrian refuge on squirrels Heath Road.
- 2) The implementation or rejection of the Proposed pedestrian refuge on Shepherds Hill.

The original Transport for London allocation was £0.058m initial feasibility, design and consultation costs have reduced the available funding to £0.050m.

The estimated cost of 0.050m for implementation will be met by Transport for London through the 2018/19 Local Implementation Plan allocation Squirrels Heath Road/ Shepherds Hill pedestrian refuges (A2917). The funding will need to be spent by 31st March 2019, to ensure full access to the grant.

The costs shown are an estimate of the full costs of the scheme, should both refuges be implemented. It should be noted that subject to the recommendations of the committee a final decision then would be made by the Lead Member – as regards actual implementation and scheme detail. Therefore, final costs are subject to change.

This is a standard project for Environment and there is no expectation that the works cannot be contained within the cost estimate. There is an element of contingency built into the financial estimate. In the unlikely event of an overspend, the balance would need to be contained within the overall Environment budget.

**HUMAN RESOURCES IMPLICATIONS AND RISKS
(AND ACCOMMODATION IMPLICATIONS WHERE RELEVANT)**

None arising from this scheme.

EQUALITIES AND SOCIAL INCLUSION IMPLICATIONS AND RISKS

The Council has a general duty under the Equality Act 2010 to ensure that its highway network is accessible to all. Where infrastructure is provided or substantially upgraded, reasonable adjustments should be made to improve access. In considering the impacts and making improvements for people with protected characteristics (often, but not limited to disabled people, the young and older people), this will assist the Council in meeting its duty under the Act.

Havering has a diverse community made up of many different groups and individuals. The council values diversity and believes it essential to understand and include the different contributions, perspectives and experience that people from different backgrounds bring.

The Public Sector Equality Duty (PSED) under section 149 of the Equality Act 2010 requires the council, when exercising its functions, to have due regard to:

- (i) the need to eliminate discrimination, harassment, victimisation and any other conduct that is prohibited by or under the Equality Act 2010;
- (ii) the need to advance equality of opportunity between persons who share protected characteristics and those who do not, and;
- (iii) foster good relations between those who have protected characteristics and those who do not.

Note: 'Protected characteristics' are: age, sex, race, disability, sexual orientation, marriage and civil partnerships, religion or belief, pregnancy and maternity and gender reassignment.

The council demonstrates its commitment to the Equality Act in its decision-making processes, the provision, procurement and commissioning of its services, and employment practices concerning its workforce. In addition, the council is also committed to improving the quality of life and wellbeing of all Havering residents in respect of socio-economics and health determinants.

The provision of crossing facilities makes it easier for all sectors of the community to cross busy streets or have more confidence in crossing streets. This is especially helpful to disabled people, children (lone and accompanied), young families and older people.

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BACKGROUND PAPERS

None.

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Part C – Record of decision

I have made this executive decision in accordance with authority delegated to me by the Leader of the Council and in compliance with the requirements of the Constitution.

Decision

Proposal agreed

Delete as applicable

Proposal NOT agreed because:

Signed:



Cllr Osman Dervish

Cabinet Member for Environment, in consultation with the Leader of the Council, Cllr Damian White

Date: 7th / Jan / 2018

Lodging this notice

The signed decision notice must be delivered to the proper officer, Andrew Beesley, Head of Democratic Services in the Town Hall.

For use by Committee Administration

This notice was lodged with me on 7 January 2018

Signed



