

# REPORT TO CABINET

REPORT OF: M Sibthorp; Head of Planning Policy & Economic Regeneration

REPORT NO: PLA.549

DATE: 9<sup>th</sup> January 2006

<b>TITLE:</b>	<b>STAMFORD GATEWAY SCHEME</b>
<b>FORWARD PLAN ITEM:</b>	N/A
<b>DATE WHEN FIRST APPEARED IN FORWARD PLAN:</b>	N/A
<b>KEY DECISION OR POLICY FRAMEWORK PROPOSAL:</b>	Key Decision

<b>COUNCIL AIMS/PORTFOLIO HOLDER NAME AND DESIGNATION:</b>	Cllr John Smith; Economic Development
<b>CORPORATE PRIORITY:</b>	Town Centres; Street Scene
<b>CRIME AND DISORDER IMPLICATIONS:</b>	Scheme implementation is likely to have positive impacts
<b>FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT IMPLICATIONS:</b>	None
<b>BACKGROUND PAPERS:</b>	Report PLA.525; Cabinet 7 <sup>th</sup> November 2005

## **1. PURPOSE OF REPORT AND SUMMARY**

**At their meeting of 7<sup>th</sup> November 2005 , Cabinet resolved to contribute £350,000 towards the cost of the Stamford Gateway public realm scheme, subject to a number of conditions. Cabinet are invited to review this decision in the light of the decision of Stamford Town Council to not contribute to the scheme.**

## **2. DETAILS OF REPORT**

At their meeting of 7<sup>th</sup> November 2005, Cabinet considered a report (PLA.525) inviting a contribution towards the cost of the Stamford Gateway scheme; a major public realm enhancement project in Sheepmarket and Red Lion Square. The scheme, sponsored by Stamford Vision, has attracted contributions from Welland Sub-Regional Strategic Partnership and Lincolnshire County Council and a number of other national, regional and local organisations. At the meeting it was resolved

**That the Cabinet is minded to approve the contribution for the sum of £350,000 for the Stamford Gateway project subject to the following terms:**

- 1. That the sum is payable in three instalments of 40%, 40% and 20% linked to the delivery of specified outcomes approved by Cabinet;**
- 2. That a reasonable contribution should be provided by the Town Council to demonstrate their commitment to the project;**
- 3. That the development should fulfil a series of outcomes, to be decided on through liaison with officers and that these should then be agreed and reviewed at a future date by the Cabinet;**
- 4. That the final scheme design, including any liabilities or responsibilities that will accrue to the District Council will be approved by the Portfolio Holder for Economic Development in consultation with the Portfolio Holder for Resources and Assets;**
- 5. No further financial assistance will be sought or forthcoming from the District Council for this project.**

Stamford Town Council were invited to contribute to the scheme. The matter was considered at a meeting of the Town Council on 13<sup>th</sup> December 2005. Subsequent to that meeting, the Town Clerk has responded as follows;

“At the Town Council meeting which took place on Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> December, this matter was debated at length. A majority vote was not in favour of providing a financial contribution. However, for the record, on 22<sup>nd</sup> February 2005, the Town Council did vote as a majority in support of the project as a whole.”

In the light of Condition 2 attaching to the Cabinet decision of 7<sup>th</sup> November, Cabinet are invited to consider whether they wish to continue to contribute to the scheme notwithstanding the position adopted by Stamford Town Council.

Dependent upon Cabinet's decision on the matter, Condition 3 set out above requires a series of outcomes to be agreed. A meeting is scheduled to discuss these prior to the Cabinet meeting. A verbal update will be given at the meeting, should this be required, and Cabinet invited to agree the necessary outcomes.

**3. OTHER OPTIONS CONSIDERED AND ASSESSED**

Outlined in previous report PLA.525

**4. COMMENTS OF DIRECTOR OF FINANCE AND STRATEGIC RESOURCES**

Outlined in previous report PLA.525

**5. COMMENTS OF CORPORATE MANAGER, DEMOCRATIC AND LEGAL SERVICES (MONITORING OFFICER)**

Outlined in previous report PLA.525

**6. COMMENTS OF OTHER RELEVANT SERVICE MANAGER**

None

**7. RECOMMENDATIONS**

**1. Cabinet are invited to consider whether they wish to continue to contribute to the Gateway scheme, in the light of the decision of Stamford Town Council.**

**2. In the light of any decision made in respect of Item 1, Cabinet are invited, if appropriate, to determine appropriate scheme outcomes.**

**9. CONTACT OFFICER**

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