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Agenda Item 16

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| Meeting | Full Council |
| Date | 19 June 2019 |
| Report Title | Housing Infrastructure Funding (HIF) Bid - Application by Wiltshire Council |
| Author | Mark Smith, Chief Executive |

1.0 PURPOSE OF REPORT

1.1 To determine whether Council wish to submit a retrospective letter of support to Wiltshire Council, supporting the principle of their bid to secure £75M of government grant funding from the Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government (MHCLG) for infrastructure development in Chippenham.

2.0 INTRODUCTION AND BACKGROUND INFORMATION

2.1 Councillors will recall that they were asked to attend an informal briefing by Wiltshire Council on the 9th May 2019. At the Briefing Councillors and officers from Wiltshire Council explained the rationale for their bid to government for £75M of grant funding to fund the construction of a distributor road to the east and south of the town. It is anticipated that the investment will kick start improvements to the town centre, including;

- Traffic flow and movements
- Parking
- Enhanced leisure and recreation facilities
- Improved retail environment
- The delivery of new homes, to address local housing needs
- The delivery of over 1 m sq.ft of employment land

2.2 It is anticipated that bid will be evaluated during autumn 2019, with an award announcement being made in late 2019 or early 2020.

3.0 CONTRIBUTION TO CORPORATE PLAN PRIORITIES

3.1 The success of the HIF Bid by Wiltshire Council could contribute to the following Corporate Priorities;

i. Corporate Priority 1 - Provide facilities and services which support and develop a well connected town, which promotes health and wellbeing.

- ii. Corporate Priority 2 - An active role in the future development of Chippenham through collaboration with partners and stakeholders.
- iii. Corporate Priority 3 - Maintain and enhance opportunities to create a green, clean and safe environment.
- iv. Corporate Priority 4 - To promote Chippenham as a destination Market Town based on our rich heritage, history and culture.
- v. Corporate Priority 5 - Effective and efficient use of resources.

4.0 STAFFING IMPLICATIONS

4.1 There are no staffing implications.

5.0 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

5.1 There are no financial implications.

6.0 LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

6.1 There are no legal implications.

7.0 RECOMMENDATIONS

- 7.1 That Council consider whether to submit a retrospective letter of support to Wiltshire Council, support the principle of their bid to secure £75M of government funding for infrastructure development.
- 7.2 In the event the Town Council wish to submit a letter of support, delegate authority to the Chief Executive in consultation with the Leader of the Council to draft the letter on behalf of the Council.