

### **EX35. Housing Infrastructure Fund - M80 Junction 7 Sliproads**

The Executive considered a report by the Director of Development Services which provided an update on progress of a project to upgrade the junctions of the A803 with the M80 junction 7 sliproads. Agreement on arrangements for delivery of the project was sought.

Upgrading the junctions of the M80 with the A803 in Banknock and Haggs formed infrastructure proposal INF06 of the Falkirk Local Development Plan. Upgrading was necessary along the A803 corridor between Coneypark and Dennyloanhead to facilitate settlement growth. If upgraded the potential delivery of new housing units was 1254, without the improvements the capacity would be limited to 160 new houses.

Through the Scottish Government's Housing Infrastructure Fund an opportunity had arisen to obtain a 100% grant to cover the residual cost of the junction improvements. Following an expression of interest the Scottish Government had responded in February 2018 inviting a formal application. An offer of up to £1.543m grant funding was received during May 2018. If the offer was accepted the funds would be paid to the Council to deliver the project in partnership with I&H Brown and Mactaggart and Mickel.

#### **Decision**

##### **The Executive:-**

- (1) noted the award of up to £1.543m grant funding from the Scottish Government's Housing Infrastructure Fund for the delivery of a project to upgrade the junctions of the A803 with the M80 junction 7 sliproads;**
- (2) agreed to participate in a Banknock and Dennyloanhead Regeneration Partnership with I&H Brown Ltd and Mactaggart and Mickel in the delivery of the project;**
- (3) agreed to commission WSP for delivery of the project at a cost of £1.61m, and**
- (4) noted the requirement for the project to be included in the Council's 2019/20 capital programme.**