Outline of costs (see Executive report of 8 December 2009)

- 1. The 2008 'Conditional Approval' submission for Government funding was based on a scheme cost of £84.39m including construction, design, supervision, ecological mitigation, land and compensation.
- 2. On 3 September 2008 the Government confirmed 'Conditional Approval' status with a maximum contribution of £78.39m. This equates to 93% of estimated scheme cost.
- 3. Preliminary design costs have been identified at £4m, 50% of this can be claimed back (£850k already claimed leaving £1.15m).
- 4. The scheme has been moved onto a new funding system as detailed in the Executive report Appendix D par 22. This now requires a 10% local contribution on the Quantified Cost (scheme cost plus preliminary design) amounting to 10% of (£84m + £4m) = £8.8m.
- 5. The contribution sum can be offset by unclaimed preliminary design costs resulting in 50% of £4m leaving £6.8m local contributions to be found between the authorities.
- 6. Confirmed contributions are detailed in the Executive report Appendix D par22 and amount to £4.5. This includes £1.1m for the Dunstable Town Centre Bus Loop which is in the authority's highway capital programme.
- 7. The outstanding local contribution still to be sourced is £2.3m (£6.8m £4.5m). Negotiations are taking place with other parties and are expected to contribute towards the majority of this amount.
- 8. Any shortfall will be the subject of future negotiations for contributions during the scheme's construction period, should these not materialise then it will fall to the authorities.