



**Minutes of a meeting held remotely of Cabinet Member for Climate Change and Forward
Planning Decision-Making Meeting held on Wednesday, 3 March 2021.**

Councillors present: Councillor Rachel Coxcoon

Officers present: Matthew Britton – Principal Planning Policy Officer, Democratic Services

I Agenda - 3 March 2021

**1. £5,000 Contribution towards a Feasibility Study for the reinstatement of the
Stratford-upon-Avon – Honeybourne – Worcester/Oxford Railway Line**

The Stratford Rail Transport Group has been successful in a bid to the Reopening of Railways Fund. They have been awarded 75% of costs up to £50,000 for feasibility study for the Strategic Outline Business Case the restoration of passenger rail services between Stratford-upon-Avon station to Worcester and Oxford via Honeybourne Junctions on the Worcester-Oxford (via Moreton-in-Marsh and the North Cotswold Line). Cotswold District Council has been asked to contribute towards the remaining 25% of the cost, which is needed for the feasibility study. If the line were to be reopened, it would link Moreton-in-Marsh to Stratford-upon-Avon and Birmingham and would also enable additional passenger rail services to call at Moreton-in-Marsh Railway Station.

Decision:

RESOLVED that a contribution of £5,000 towards the cost of the feasibility study be agreed by the Cabinet Member.

Reason for Decision of the Cabinet Member:

The Cabinet Member considered that the contribution was a sensible use of funding which would build good transport evidence for the Council's Local Plan.

ACTION BY:

**James Brain – Forward Planning Manager
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(END)

2 Item 01 - £5,000 towards contribution towards a Feasibility Study for the
Reinstatement of Rail

Chair

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