

51m / WDC Financial position

- 1.1 Thus far 51m has spent £1,023,000 on all HS2 activities. Warwick District has expended £102,614 thus far, of which approximately 60% (£62,000) has been on the general campaign/consultation responses etc. Approximately 40% (£41,000) has been spent in relation to the Judicial Review, however due to an under-estimate of the costs of this element we are still required to pay a further contribution to the preparatory work (£17,000), and are exposed to costs (£20,000) regarding the issues that were dismissed at the Judicial Review.
- 1.2 Members are asked to take a position on the continuation of funding related to an **appeal** (set out above). However there should also be recognition that in the event the HS2 project moves to implementation we will have the opportunity to directly petition the Hybrid Bill process (to challenge issues of local importance to WDC as well as route wide matters regarding technical issues. Examples of matters that may be on such an agenda include environmental mitigation, noise, dust, local highway alterations and construction procedures/practices). Such actions may require additional financial resources and may (in part) be addressed collectively through 51m (for route wide issues) or by WDC for local matters of detail. It is very difficult to quantify the cost that may be associated with such endeavours at this time; however we should be aware of the need to address this in due course and may wish to earmark a nominal budget for this at this point in time, £30,000 is suggested.