

**Extract of Executive Board Minutes Relevant to the Environment and Urban Renewal Policy and Performance Board**

**EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING HELD ON 15<sup>th</sup> JUNE 2017**

**TRANSPORTATION PORTFOLIO**

**EXB4 JOINT INTELLIGENT TRANSPORT SYSTEMS CONTRACT FOR THE LIVERPOOL CITY REGION**

The Board considered a report of the Strategic Director, Enterprise, Community and Resources, on the formation of a Joint Intelligent Transport Systems Contract (ITS) for the Liverpool City Region (LCR).

The Board was advised that, in order to achieve savings and efficiencies in the operation of highways and traffic functions within the LCR, opportunities for joint working were under consideration. The first of these opportunities would be the installation and maintenance of Intelligent Transport Systems (ITS). Details of the joint contract provision were set out in the report, and it was noted that it would include an option for the provision of new installations and refurbishment of existing installations other than routine maintenance.

Members noted that it was proposed that Halton would lead on the procurement of the new contract with support from Sefton Borough Council, and be managed under Halton's Procurement Standing Orders. However, the evaluation and award decision would be based on an agreed set of evaluation scores from an evaluation panel made up of representatives from the participating local authorities.

RESOLVED: That

- 1) the continuation of current Officer discussions to develop a Joint ITS Contract for the Liverpool City Region be approved, and that, subject to a satisfactory conclusion to these discussions, Halton be party to the tendering process for the award of a new contract, with it leading on the

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procurement exercise;

- 2) subject to a satisfactory tendering process, Halton becomes part of the Joint ITS Contract from 1 April 2018; and
- 3) it be recorded that the expenditure is anticipated to be in excess of £1.0m over 10 years, if the contract utilises all the possible extensions.

#### EXB5 PASSENGER TRANSPORT CONTRACT TENDERS

The Board considered a report of the Strategic Director, Enterprise, Community and Resources, on Passenger Transport Contract Tenders.

The Board was advised that the Council's Transportation Co-ordination section was responsible for a complex range of passenger transport contracts and arrangements for vulnerable children and adults. It was reported that the Passenger Transport Dynamic Purchasing System (DPS) was a mechanism for the Council to identify transport providers capable of delivering the specialist nature of transport contracts on its behalf. The DPS process provided a platform to advertise long term and short term contracts over a reduced advertising period.

Members were advised that the DPS process had the potential to attract additional transport suppliers which would enable extra capacity to cope with the volume of contract work which the Council required.

RESOLVED: That

- 1) the Passenger Transport Contract Tenders on behalf of designated specialist assessment departments within the People Directorate be acknowledged; and
- 2) the Board support the requirement to tender and procure passenger transport contracts through an electronic DPS process.

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#### EXB6 TENDER FOR THE PROVISION OF COMMERCIAL VEHICLE AND PLANT SPARES & COMPONENTS AND REQUEST TO WAIVE STANDING ORDERS

The Board considered report of the Strategic Director, Enterprise, Community and Resources, on a request to waiver Procurement Standing Orders for the tender and provision of Commercial Vehicle and Plant Spares and Components.

The Board was advised that the Fleet Management and Maintenance department was responsible for the servicing, repair and safe operation of a diverse range of vehicles, plant and machinery. It was noted that the existing contract for the supply of vehicle spares and components would end on 31 July 2017. It was proposed that new contract arrangements would provide for greater level of flexibility, with an anticipated start date of 1 February 2018.

In order to allow a robust procurement process to take place, a waiver of Financial Standing Orders was sought to cover the six month period before the start of the new contract.

RESOLVED: That

- 1) the Board note that a procurement process will be entered into with the purpose of securing the supply and management of Commercial Vehicle and Plant Spares and Components for use in the maintenance and repair of the Council's operational vehicle fleet, plant and equipment; and
- 2) the Board approves the waiver of Procurement Standing Orders to the value of £147,000 to cover a six month period from 1 August 2017 to 31 January 2018 under the existing agreement with Carberry Park Bootle Brake and Clutch Limited, as an interim measure, whilst a procurement process referred to in Resolution 1) be entered into.

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## **ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES PORTFOLIO**

### **EXB7 LOCAL DEVELOPMENT SCHEME - UPDATE**

The Board considered a report of the Strategic Director, Enterprise, Community and Resources, which provided an update on the Local Development Scheme

(LDS).

The Board was advised that the LDS was a public statement of Halton Borough Council's three year work programme for production of the Local Plan. It was reported that the process of making Local Plans was lengthy due to the detailed protocols set out in legal acts and regulations.

The LDS, attached at Appendix 2, allowed for a degree of over-programming to ensure that resource capacity was continually engaged such as during periods of public consultation. There were also a number of supporting and process documents which the Council was required to produce, as set out in the report.

RESOLVED: That

- 1) the Halton Borough Council Local Development Scheme (LDS) 2017 Revision, as detailed in the Appendix 1 attached to the report, shall have effect from 22 June 2017; and
- 2) any minor drafting amendments to be made to the LDS document (attached at Appendix 2), be agreed by the Operational Director, Policy, Planning and Transportation, in consultation with the Executive Board Member for Physical Environment.

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EXB15 SCHEDULE 12A OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1972 AND THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT (ACCESS TO INFORMATION) ACT 1985

The Board considered:

- 1) Whether Members of the press and public should be excluded from the meeting of the Board during consideration of the following item of business in accordance with Section 100A (4) of the Local Government Act 1972 because it was likely that, in view of the nature of the business to be considered, exempt information would be disclosed, being information defined in Section 100 (1) and paragraph 3 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972; and

- 2) Whether the disclosure of information was in the public interest, whether any relevant exemptions were applicable and whether, when applying the public interest test and exemptions, the public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighed that in disclosing the information.

RESOLVED: That as, in all the circumstances of the case, the public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighed that in disclosing the information, members of the press and public be excluded from the meeting during consideration of the following item of business in accordance with Section 100A(4) of the Local Government Act 1972 because it was likely that, in view of the nature of the business, exempt information would be disclosed, being information defined in Section 100 (1) and paragraph 3 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972.

### **PHYSICAL ENVIRONMENT PORTFOLIO**

#### **EXB16 DEVELOPMENT AT EGERTON STREET, RUNCORN**

This item was deferred so that further options for the site could be investigated.

### **EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING HELD ON 20 JULY 2017**

### **TRANSPORTATION PORTFOLIO**

#### **EXB26 AUTHORITY TO PROCEED WITH CARRIAGEWAY RECONFIGURATION WORKS ON THE SILVER JUBILEE BRIDGE USING THE SCAPE FRAMEWORK**

The Board considered a report of the Strategic Director, Enterprise, Community and Resources, for the use of the SCAPE framework on the Silver Jubilee Bridge (SJB), to meet future requirements in connection with the Mersey Gateway.

The Board was advised that the Council had an Access Agreement to the SCAPE framework, which was a public sector owned built environment specialist. In June 2016, the Chief Executive had reported to the Board the entering into of a contract with Balvac through the SCAPE framework, for the procurement of the SJB Complex Major Maintenance Programme.

It was noted that major works including re-painting of the SJB arch superstructure and new highway layout had been planned as part of the Mersey Gateway Scheme. A planned closure would take place when the new bridge opened, with the period of works taking twelve months for completion.

Approval was now sought to formalise the contract development process with Balvac.

RESOLVED: That the use of the SCAPE framework for development of the carriageway reconfiguration scheme for the SJB to Project Order stage, be approved.

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#### EXB27 WARRINGTON WESTERN LINK

The Board considered a report of the Strategic Director, Enterprise, Community and Resources, on the consultation process regarding the Warrington Western Link project.

The Board was advised that Warrington Borough Council (WBC) had been awarded funding by the Department for Transport (DfT) to develop an outline business case for the Warrington Western Link proposal. A number of public consultation events were being held until 28 July 2017. Following this, a preferred route option would be included in the business case and submitted to the DfT for consideration.

It was reported that, subject to funding and the necessary planning consent, construction of the new road could commence in the early 2020's. It was expected that during the consultation period, further details would become available regarding the different route options and once this information was available, the Council would be able to give a thorough response to the consultation.

RESOLVED: That the Board notes the correspondence from Warrington Borough Council (WBC) and delegated authority be granted to the Strategic Director, Enterprise, Community and Resources, in consultation with the Leader of the Council and the Portfolio holder for Transportation, to respond to the WBC Scheme consultation on behalf of the Council.

#### EXB28 PRELIMINARY FLOOD RISK ASSESSMENT UPDATE

The Board considered a report of the Strategic Director, Enterprise, Community and Resources, on the Preliminary Flood Risk Assessment Update.

The Board was advised that, as part of its new duties as a Lead Local Flood Authority (LLFA), the Council must undertake a Preliminary Flood Risk Assessment (PFRA). This was a high level screening exercise, to determine whether there was a local flood risk within the LLFA boundary, based on historic and potential future flood risk data.

The PFRA was previously agreed by the Board in 2011 and must be reviewed every six years. An updated Preliminary Assessment Report (PAR), along with a Review Self-Assessment Form had been produced and submitted to the Environment Agency (EA). The updated PAR set out how the assessment had been undertaken and provided a robust evidence base to help support the full update of the Flood Risk Assessment Strategy.

The outcome of the first two stages of the flood risk assessment review was that no Flood Risk Area (FRA) was proposed for Halton. As a result, the production of Flood Risk Maps and preparation of a Flood Risk Management Plan for FRA were not triggered.

The Board was asked to approve the findings prior to publication by the EA by 22 December 2017.

RESOLVED: That the findings of the Preliminary Flood Risk Assessment Review be noted and approved.

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## **PHYSICAL ENVIRONMENT PORTFOLIO**

### **EXB29 SYRIAN REFUGEE CRISIS**

The Board considered a report of the Chief Executive, which provided an update on the Syrian Resettlement Programme within Halton.

In February 2016, the Board agreed to support the Government's request to engage with the Dispersal Programme for Asylum Seekers and the Syrian Resettlement Programme for refugees.

As part of the Liverpool City Region commitment, Halton had agreed to accept 100 individuals, providing support over a five year period. It was reported that Refugee

Action (RA) had been commissioned to deliver dedicated support which was a requirement of the Home Office funding arrangements. The Board was advised that, whilst RA staff had a wealth of experience with this client group, Officers felt that an alternative approach may offer greater support to those refugees located in Halton.

The report set out a proposal to terminate the existing contract with RA, giving the required period of notice, and to then extend the existing Supporting People contract with Plus Dane Shap to support the existing families within the Borough.

RESOLVED: That

- 1) the contents of the report be noted;
- 2) the Board supports the Chief Executive's use of Delegated Powers for an early termination of the support contract currently delivered by Refugee Action within the Liverpool City Council service specification; and
- 3) the Board supports the use of a waiver of Procurement Standing Orders to allow the Council to extend/amend the existing Supporting People contract with Plus Dane Shap to provide ongoing support to Syrian Refugees in accordance with Home Office funding requirements.

Chief Executive