

REPORT TO: EXECUTIVE BOARD SUB COMMITTEE

DATE: 25 SEPTEMBER 2008

REPORTING OFFICER: DIRECTOR OF ENVIRONMENT

**SUBJECT: REPORT OF URGENT BUSINESS
UPTON ROCKS DISTRIBUTOR ROAD –
ACCEPTANCE OF TENDER**

WARDS: BIRCHFIELD

1.0 PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

- 1.1 To report urgent action taken by the Chief Executive in respect of the acceptance of a revised tender price for the Upton Rocks distributor road.

2.0 RECOMMENDATION: That

The report of the urgent action taken by the Chief Executive in accordance with Standing Orders relating to Procurement 1.7, to accept the revised tender from NMS Civil Engineering Ltd in the sum of £1,058,882.35 for the Upton Rocks distributor road, be noted.

3.0 SUPPORTING INFORMATION

- 3.1 A tender for the construction of the Upton Rocks Distributor road was accepted by the Operational Director – Highways & Transportation on 2nd March 2007. However, the award of the contract was delayed due to a number of factors and it was not possible to proceed with the completion of the Contract formalities until early August, when all outstanding matters had been resolved.
- 3.2 Seventeen months had elapsed since the original offer was made by the successful tenderer, NMS Civil Engineering, and construction costs have risen during the intervening period due to inflation. Regular contact was maintained with the contractor throughout the period NMS were asked to provide a revised tender sum, to take account of inflation since the acceptance of their original tender. The revised tender sum offered is £1,058,882.35 which represents a 9% increase over the original sum. The contractor also confirmed that they would be in a position to mobilise and commence construction in September.
- 3.3 Due to the committee summer recess, and to ensure that there was no further delay in progressing construction of the new road, the Chief Executive approved the acceptance of the revised tender sum on 7th

August in accordance with Standing Orders – Procurement 1.7. This has enabled the contract completion formalities to proceed and pre-contract matters in relation to health and safety, programming & mobilisation and the date for commencement of works on site to be discussed and agreed with the Contractor.

4.0 POLICY IMPLICATIONS

There are no policy implications

5.0 OTHER IMPLICATIONS

There are no other implications

6.0 IMPLICATIONS FOR THE COUNCIL'S PRIORITIES

6.1 Halton's Urban Renewal

The provision of the Upton Rocks distributor road is a planning obligation placed on the joint housing developers Redrow and Persimmon Homes and is subject to a Section 106 Planning Agreement. The road will form an important additional highway link from the Upton Rocks housing developments to north Widnes. Although commencement of the scheme has been significantly delayed, the sooner the construction of the road is commenced and completed the sooner traffic will be reduced on local residential roads.

7.0 RISK ANALYSIS

There are no risks or opportunities associated with this report for information.

8.0 EQUALITY AND DIVERSITY ISSUES

There are no equality and diversity issues associated with this report for information.

9.0 LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS UNDER SECTION 100D OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1972

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Name of Board:

Date of Meeting:

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STANDARD SECTIONS – CHECKLIST

All reports must be submitted together with the following checklist fully completed

	Yes	No
Resource Implications The financial, manpower and land (buying or selling) considerations should be clearly detailed including any corporate implications of following the recommended course of action.		
Social Inclusion Implications Any implications relating to social inclusion/anti poverty should be highlighted		
Sustainability Checklist Any implications that affect the sustainability themes of economy society and the community and the environment should be included,		
Best Value Any Best Value implications should be included.		
Legal Implications Any Legal implications should be included.		
Crime and Disorder Issues Any crime and disorder implications should be included.		

Please review these potential effects, within the context set out overleaf, to compose your summary assessment

Summary assessment of Implications: *This wording will appear in the Board report.*

