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

# **EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING HELD ON 14th June 2018**

#### TRANSPORTATION PORTFOLIO

#### EXB9 TERM SERVICE CONTRACT FOR HIGHWAYS

The Board considered a report of the Strategic Director, Enterprise, Community and Resources, which sought approval for a one year extension to the Term Service Contract for Highway Improvement and Maintenance Services.

It was reported that the current contract provided the option to award up to four separate extensions, each for a period of one year, so long as the contractor met or exceeded the Acceptable Performance for each Key Performance Indicator (KPI). The Board noted that the contractor had achieved the Acceptable Performance level for the financial years 2017/18 and therefore were entitled to a one year extension to the contract period.

RESOLVED: That a one year extension to the Term Service Contract for Highway Improvement and Maintenance Services with Tarmac CRH Limited, be approved.

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#### PHYSICAL ENVIRONMENT PORTFOLIO

#### EXB14 ASTMOOR REGENERATION PROGRAMME

The Board considered a report of the Strategic Director, Enterprise, Community and Resources, regarding the implementation of a regeneration programme for Astmoor Industrial Estate.

It was reported that in March 2017, the Board approved the Mersey Gateway Regeneration Plan *Plus* (the Plan), which had helped to prioritise resources for physical and economic regeneration of eight Regeneration Impact Areas. The Plan set out a cohesive package of development opportunities and identified key infrastructure and enabling projects needed to support the Borough's economic growth.

Astmoor Industrial Estate was one of the eight Areas and an Annual Delivery Plan had been developed to steer the development and regeneration programme for the area. This was attached to the report at Appendix A.

The report provided the Board with a detailed summary of the Strategic Context, the Vision and Objectives, the Masterplan and Delivery Strategy, the Funding Profile and the Governance and Management Structure.

### **RESOLVED: That**

- Members approve the two stages of public consultation to be undertaken, which will inform a future Masterplan and Delivery Strategy for Astmoor, as outlined in Section 3.10 of the report;
- the proposed approach to a regeneration programme for Astmoor, as set out in the Annual Delivery Plan (attached to the report at Appendix A), be noted;
- Members acknowledge the potential benefits from investing in Council resources to deliver a five year regeneration programme for Astmoor, as outline in Section 3.17 of the report; and
- 4) following feedback from the consultation process, a further report be presented to Executive Board, to seek formal adoption of a Masterplan and Delivery Strategy for Astmoor.

## EXB15 AMENDMENT TO HOUSING ALLOCATIONS POLICY

The Board considered a report of the Strategic Director, People, which sought approval to amend the Council's Housing Allocations Policy, Property Pool Plus (PPP).

The Board was advised that, as part of the Government's commitment to reduce homelessness and eliminate rough sleeping, new regulations — The Homelessness Reduction Act — had been implemented in April 2018. It was reported that as a result, local authorities would need to make policy and service changes to ensure

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that they were fully equipped to deliver and comply with legal statutory duty requirements.

It was reported that it would be necessary for a full review of the Council's Housing Allocations Policy to be undertaken to address the needs of all clients, to ensure that the priority categories and criteria were compliant with national trends and legislation. The results and recommendations would be reported to the Board in Spring 2019.

**RESOLVED: That** 

1) the report be noted;

- 2) subject to the unanimous agreement of the Local Authorities participating in the Sub-Regional Property Pool Plus Scheme, the Board agrees to amend the Council's Housing Allocations Policy, to include the additional sub-banding, which would ensure that additional priority is awarded to those registered under Homelessness Prevention and/or Relief, in accordance with the Homelessness Reduction Act 2017; and
- 3) the Board approves the undertaking of a policy review for the purpose of further amending the Housing Allocations Policy, to take account of provisions within the Localism Act 2012, the Homelessness Act 2017 and the Housing Allocations Code of Guidance.

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