

APPENDIX 1

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

EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING HELD ON 20 OCTOBER 2022

ENVIRONMENT AND URBAN RENEWAL PORTFOLIO

EXB32 CONTRACTOR INVOLVEMENT IN THE EAST RUNCORN CONNECTIVITY (ERC) PROJECT

The Board considered a report from the Operational Director – Policy, Planning and Transportation, which sought approval to utilise the SCAPE framework to secure Balfour Beatty to provide contractor involvement in the development of the four schemes that comprised the East Runcorn Connectivity (ERC) project.

The full ERC scheme comprised four elements:

- A558 dualling from Pitts Heath Lane to Innovation Way;
- A56 Major Maintenance – Keckwick Lane to M56 junction 11;
- Potential loop road M56 junction 11 to A533; and
- A suite of active and sustainable travel interventions.

The Scape Framework had been used successfully for the completion of works on Silver Jubilee Bridge, Runcorn Delinking and Runcorn Station Quarter projects. The Scape had six staged as shown in Appendix 1. The report sought permission to utilise the Scape process to the end of Stage 3 (pre-construction). Once Stage 3 was complete and provided technical considerations were favourable and funding was available, a further report would be presented to the Board to seek approval to sign a 'delivery agreement' and proceed into construction.

RESOLVED: That

- 1) approval is given to procure, via the SCAPE framework, contractor input into the ERC Project, up to and including 'Pre-construction Stage'; and
- 2) delegated authority is given to the Operational Director – Planning and Transport, in consultation

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with the Portfolio Holder Environment and Urban Renewal, to implement activities to pass the formal SCAPE gateways up to and including 'Pre-construction Stage'.

Councillor Thompson declared an interest in the following item as he is a Member of the Town Deal Board

EXB33 BRINDLEY GREEN, RUNCORN SCAPE FRAMEWORK

The Board considered a report of the Operational Director – Economy, Enterprise and Property, which provided an update on:

- the development of the High Street Connectivity project in support of the Runcorn Town Investment Plan; and
- the Inception Phase of the previously approved development of the High Street Connectivity project as per the Town Centre bid, which led to a change in scope.

The report also sought approval to utilise the SCAPE framework for the integration of the already designed Brindley Green plans with the High Street scheme to Project Order stage.

RESOLVED: That the Board approve

- 1) the use of the SCAPE framework for the integration of the already designed Brindley Green plans with the High Street scheme to Project Order stage; and
- 2) the delegation of authority to the Operational Director, Economy, Enterprise and Property to authorise the passing of the SCAPE gateways prior to this stage.

Operational Director - Economy, Enterprise & Property

EXB34 ENVIRONMENT SERVICES DYNAMIC PURCHASING SYSTEM

The Board considered a report which sought approval to proceed with a procurement process with regard to the provision of an Environment Services Dynamic Purchasing System (DPS).

The Environment Services Division currently utilised DPS to source landscape contractors to carry out

construction works in the Borough's parks, playgrounds and open spaces. The Division's existing DPS would come to an end on 31 March 2023. It was proposed that a new Environment Services DPS would be set up for an initial 4 year period.

Based upon previous expenditure it was anticipated that the total annual value of the further competition exercises tendered via the Environment Services Division DPS was likely to be up to £1.5m thus making the value of a four year contract up to £6m. This figure was above the Public Contract Regulation threshold and as such it would need to be procured in accordance with the Public Contract Regulations 2015.

RESOLVED: That approval be given for a procurement process to be undertaken with the purpose of creating an Environment Services Dynamic Purchasing System.

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CLIMATE CHANGE PORTFOLIO

EXB35 HALTON SMART MICRO GRID

The Board considered a report of the Chief Executive, which sought for a waiver of compliance with part 2 and/or 3 of Procurement Standing Orders 1.14.4, to allow a direct contract award to Horizon Energy and Power to provide technical support development of the Halton Micro Grid including submitting a planning application and developing all documentation to enable design and build tenders to be invited.

The Board was advised that at a previous meeting the Board had endorsed a scheme to extend the Solar Farm on the former St Michael's Golf Course and create a micro grid connecting in the Municipal Building, Lowerhouse Lane Depot and the new Leisure Centre in Moor Lane (Minute EXB75/2021 refers).

The scheme also had the endorsement of the Liverpool City Region (LCR) Internal Investment Panel with a potential for a grant allocation of £2.5m towards the capital costs. A key condition of the Investment Panel's decision was that the Council provided an updated cost for the project to reflect current market prices.

In order to meet the condition set out by the LCR

Internal Investment Panel the Council would be required to undertake a procurement exercise and seek planning approval for the scheme. This would require specialist consultancy support in a number of areas, details of which were outlined in the report.

The Council had appointed Horizon Power and Energy to undertake consultancy work in relation to the initial solar farm project and they had provided a quote for the above scope of work for the Micro Grid Project. A benchmarking exercise of the costs submitted by Horizon Power and Energy had been undertaken against the consultancy rates on the ESPO Public Sector Procurement Framework and this had shown that the costs of the work were in line with the framework rates.

RESOLVED: Executive Board give approval that

Chief Executive

- 1) Procurement Standing Orders 2 and or 3 be waived pursuant to Standing Order 1.14.4 (non-emergency procedures – exceeding a value threshold of £100,000), 1.14.4 (iv) where compliance with Procurement Standing Orders would result in the Council having to forego a clear financial or commercial benefit); and
- 2) a contract award be made to Horizon Energy and Power as their quote demonstrates value for money against the ESPO Public Sector Procurement Framework rates and of their expertise and detailed knowledge of the Halton Micro Grid Project.

EXB36 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 items of business in accordance with Sub-Section 4 of Section 100A 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 the public interest 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 Sub-Section 4 of Section 100A 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.

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EXB38 SILVER JUBILEE BRIDGE LIGHTING SCHEME

The Board considered a report of the Operational Director – Policy, Planning and Transportation, which provided an update on the competitive tendering exercise that had been carried out utilising the ‘Scape Framework’ in accordance with Procurement Standing Order 1.4.1 to provide costings for a new architectural lighting scheme on Silver Jubilee Bridge.

The Board thanked Councillor S. Hill for his contribution towards this project.

RESOLVED: That

- 1) the ‘Scape Framework’ is used for fulfilling of the supply and installation of the SJB floodlighting scheme in compliance with Procurement Standing Order 1.4.1;
- 2) the tendered sum set out in section 3.4 is accepted and the capital programme amended accordingly; and
- 3) delegated powers are given to the Operational Director – Policy, Planning and Transportation in

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conjunction with Portfolio Holder for Environment and Urban Renewal to undertake the necessary actions to deliver the proposed lighting scheme.