

## APPENDIX 1

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

#### **EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING HELD ON 12<sup>th</sup> December 2019**

##### **TRANSPORTATION PORTFOLIO**

###### **EXB61 MERSEY GATEWAY PROJECT UPDATE**

The Board considered a report of the Strategic Director, Enterprise, Community and Resources, which provided an update on the Mersey Gateway Project.

The Board was advised that the Mersey Gateway Crossings Board managed the day to day operation of the Mersey Gateway Bridge on behalf of the Council. The Board had received a progress report at its meeting on 11 April 2019 and this report now provided an update for the first six months of 2019/20.

The report provided Members with the up to date position in respect of the Construction and Finishing Works; the Operation and Maintenance update; the Economic Impact and Handback Land; Finances including Project Funding, Financial Performance and the Local User Discount and Extended Discount Schemes.

RESOLVED: That the report be noted.

#### **EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING ON 16<sup>th</sup> January 2020**

##### **TRANSPORTATION PORTFOLIO AND PHYSICAL ENVIRONMENT PORTFOLIO**

###### **EXB71 MAJOR SCHEMES AND FUNDING UPDATE**

The Board considered a report of the Strategic Director, Enterprise, Community and Resources, which provided an update on the major projects underway in the Borough and new relevant funding opportunities.

The report set out details of the major maintenance programme on the Grade II Listed Silver Jubilee Bridge (SJB); the enhanced access into Runcorn's west coast mainline station; and a permanent junction into West Bank

and Widnes from the Mersey Gateway Bridge under formation. Members noted that the significant investment described in the report, flowed from the Council's strategic policies contained in the Local Plan, the Mersey Gateway Plus Regeneration Strategy and the Local Transport Plan.

It was reported that newly announced funds could provide Runcorn with access to up to £71m; those funds which could bring significant additional investment were detailed in the report and noted as being:-

- Town Deals;
- Future High Street Funds;
- Liverpool City Region (LCR) Combined Authority Mayoral Fund; and
- LCR Town Centre Commission Fund.

RESOLVED: That

- 1) project progress is noted;
- 2) funding bids are submitted with a view to securing funding for the full programme of works, enhancements and additional phases of the Runcorn Station Quarter Masterplan and wider Runcorn Vision; and
- 3) in association with Resolution 2, the Council be recommended to approve the amendment of the Capital Programme to £50m in respect of the SJB Delinking and Runcorn Station Quarter, to reflect the updated position with respect to opportunities for grant funding.

## **PHYSICAL ENVIRONMENT PORTFOLIO**

### **EXB74 REQUEST FOR WAIVER FOR THE ALLOCATION OF A CONTRACT TO HALTON HOUSING TRUST**

The Board considered a report of the Strategic Director, People, which sought approval for the continuation of a contract with Halton Housing Trust. This referred to the management of the housing register and the housing allocations process, on behalf of Halton Borough Council.

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Members were advised that, as part of the voluntary stock transfer process in 2007, Halton Borough Council opted to transfer its entire housing stock to Halton Housing Trust (HHT). In 2012, a new Choice Based Lettings Scheme – Property Pool Plus (PPP) - went live in Halton which was a sub-regional IT management scheme, operating across the other five local authorities in the Liverpool City Region (LCR) area.

It was reported that since then, the LCR had commissioned an independent review of the way in which the PPP process operated. Members noted that the aim of the review was to consider whether there was a more cost - effective approach which could deliver the same or improved outcomes for those using the service. A report on the outcome of the review was due in Spring 2020.

In requesting an extension to the current contract with HHT under Procurement Standing Orders, it was reported that as the contract with HHT would have expired before the Board meeting, the Chief Executive had used his emergency powers to authorise an extension to the existing contract for seventeen days from 31 December 2019 to 16 January 2020.

RESOLVED: That

- 1) the contents of the report be noted; and
- 2) a waiver by virtue of Procurement Standing Order 1.14.4 of Part 2 or Part 3 as appropriate, be approved for the extension of the contract with Halton Housing Trust for a further twelve months.

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EXB76 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 items 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**

### **EXB77 FOUNDRY LANE RESIDENTIAL**

The Board considered a report of the Strategic Director, Enterprise, Community and Resources, which updated Members on the proposals for residential development at Foundry Lane, Widnes.

The report provided Members with details of the proposals, policy and financial implications for their consideration.

RESOLVED: That Executive Board

- 1) supports the principle, subject to planning and other statutory approvals, of bringing forward residential development in the Foundry Lane area, bringing back into use under-utilised brownfield sites and making better use of poor quality industrial sites;
- 2) endorses the decision taken by the Chief Executive in consultation with the Leader and the Portfolio Holders for Physical Environment and Resources to acquire the Stobart Foundry

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Lane site;

- 3) authorises the Operational Director for Economy, Enterprise and Property to arrange all required documentation to be completed to the satisfaction of the Operational Director, Legal and Democratic Services;
- 4) agrees to accept the offer of grant from Homes England for the purpose of preparing the sites known as Tarmac and Stobart for residential development; and
- 5) agrees to fund any shortfall in the preparatory works for the above two sites, if this exceeds the Homes England grant.