

APPENDIX 1

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

EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING HELD ON 18 NOVEMBER 2021

ENVIRONMENT AND URBAN RENEWAL PORTFOLIO

EXB51 PROCUREMENT OF SERVICES FOR CAPITAL FUNDED HIGHWAY IMPROVEMENT SCHEMES

The Board considered a report from the Strategic Director – Enterprise, Community and Resources, which sought approval to proceed with the procurement of services for the delivery of capital funded highway improvements across the Borough.

The existing contract was held by Lambros Ltd and would expire on 5 August 2022. It was proposed that the new tender is set up for a three-year period with an option to award a one-year extension – this was in line with current capital funding arrangements through the Liverpool City Region Combined Authority (LCRCA). The anticipated tender date would be early February 2022 with a contract start date of 6 August 2022.

The report discussed the value of the contract and the tender process and evaluation. The cost of the works delivered through this contract would be met from approved budget allocations for capital funding received via LCRCA and the local Transport Plan integrated transport block grant, from the Department for Transport (DfT).

RESOLVED: That the Board approves a procurement process to secure a delivery contractor for capital funded highway improvement works.

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EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING HELD ON 9 DECEMBER 2021

CLIMATE CHANGE PORTFOLIO

EXB56 TOWARDS A CLIMATE CHANGE STRATEGY AND ACTION PLAN

The Board considered a report of the Strategic Director – Enterprise, Community and Resources, advising

of the steps being taken to develop a Climate Change Strategy and Action Plan for the Council and sought approval to a number of principles to help inform and guide that strategy.

It was reported that the United Nations and the international scientific community had made clear the potentially severe global human, environmental and economic impacts that manmade climate change posed. The recent COP 26 Summit brought the world's focus to the challenges that Climate Change was and would bring to the world's communities if action was not taken. It was recognised that both the Council and the wider Halton Community had a role to play in reducing the amount of carbon that was released into the atmosphere.

It was noted that the Council had been addressing this agenda for many years and had a strong track record of reducing its own Carbon emissions, having developed its own Carbon Management Plan in 2008. The Council also approved its own Climate Emergency Motion in October 2019, demonstrating its commitment to reducing its own carbon output.

The report outlined some of the successful initiatives the Council had pursued in recent years, in order to reduce its own carbon emissions, such as street lighting, roof top solar biomass, the solar farm, the Public Sector Decarbonisation Fund and various transport projects. It was noted that there were many others which were in the developmental stages – Electric Vehicle (EV) Charging points, further sustainable transport initiatives and additional investment in the Council's green spaces.

It was recognised that despite the above achievements the Council had more to do and needed to develop a more detailed Action Plan, in order to make further progress. A number of steps had been identified in order to get to this position in 2022, these were outlined in the report.

RESOLVED: That the Board

- 1) acknowledges the progress made to date by the Council in reducing its own carbon emissions;
- 2) approves, in principle, that the Council sets its target to reach a carbon neutral status as 2040;

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- 3) agrees that in terms of the Council's initial approach that the focus should be on buildings and vehicles as these two areas contributed the most to the Council's existing emissions, together with the continued development of the Borough's green infrastructure;
- 4) supports the approach outlined in the report in relation to developing a detailed Action Plan in 2022 to support the Council's objective of being carbon neutral by 2040;
- 5) agrees that as part of that Action Plan that a methodology is developed to ensure that carbon reduction is considered both as part of any key decisions the Council is taking itself and as part of its formal procurement processes; and
- 6) following the development of the Council's action, a broader Borough wide Strategy be developed in consultation with partners and the community.

EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING HELD ON 20 JANUARY 2022

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EXB63 AUTHORISATION FOR THE USE OF THE SCAPE FRAMEWORK FOR PROCUREMENT AND DEVELOPMENT OF THE RUNCORN TOWN INVESTMENT PLAN – HIGH STREET CONNECTIVITY SCHEME

The Board considered a report of the Strategic Director – Enterprise, Community and Resources, which sought authorisation for the use of the SCAPE Framework for procurement and development of the Runcorn Town Investment Plan – High Street Connectivity Scheme.

The report provided Members with a summary of the development of the High Street Connectivity project in support of the Runcorn Town Investment Plan. It discussed two schemes in particular – a replacement footbridge crossing the Bridgewater Canal by the Brindley Theatre; and the improvement of a section of High Street to make it more pedestrian and cycling friendly. Approval was sought to utilise the SCAPE Framework for the development of these schemes. A diagram of the SCAPE process was appended

to the report for information.

An amendment to recommendation (3) was made to include consultation with the Portfolio Holder for Environment and Urban Renewal.

RESOLVED: That Executive Board approve

- 1) the use of the SCAPE Framework for development of the replacement footbridge scheme to Project Order stage;
- 2) the use of the SCAPE Framework for development of the High Street scheme to Project Order stage; and
- 3) the delegation of authority to the Strategic Director – Enterprise, Community and Resources, in consultation with the Portfolio Holder for Environment and Urban Renewal, to authorise the passing of the SCAPE gateways prior to this stage.

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