

APPENDIX 1

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

EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING HELD ON 16 JUNE 2022

ENVIRONMENT AND URBAN RENEWAL PORTFOLIO

EXB10 AMENDMENT TO CAPITAL PROGRAMME

The Board considered a report from the Operational Director – Community and Environment, which provided information on planned landscape and public open space improvement schemes to be undertaken and to ask Members to approve a capital budget allocation and expenditure in order to complete these works.

There were several major landscape improvement schemes planned over the next 2-3 years – the report provided details of these projects, the costings for each, and how they would be funded.

RESOLVED: That the Executive Board approves

- 1) the sum of £1,988,342.71, received from Mersey Link for the reinstatement of Mersey Gateway temporary works areas, be added to the Capital Programme;
- 2) that £1m of capital borrowing be added to the Capital Programme to be used as match funding towards the Brindley Green element of Runcorn Town Centre Investment Plan;
- 3) the annual revenue cost of £57k to service the £1m capital borrowing to be funded from the Contingency budget; and
- 4) the Council's Environment Services Division prepare remedial works plans for the former Mersey Gateway temporary works areas and appoint any necessary consultants and contractors to carry out these works.

Operational
Director -
Community &
Environment

EXB11 EAST RUNCORN CONNECTIVITY SCHEME

The Board considered a report from the Operational Director – Policy, Planning and Transportation, which sought

approval for further feasibility work (Year 2) on the business case for the East Runcorn Connectivity (ERC) Scheme (this follows the Year 1 programme approved by the Board in June 2021).

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.

Further details of the four elements were discussed in the report, and Appendix one presented the Year 2 outline of programme activity for the ERC for Members approval. It was noted that a Year 2 proposal had been submitted to the Liverpool City Region (LCR) and Halton was now in receipt of an offer letter to support Year 2 with pre-development funding.

RESOLVED: That the Executive Board

- 1) approve the further development of the East Runcorn Connectivity business case;
- 2) approve the Year 2 programme as set out in Appendix 1;
- 3) approve the amendment of the Council's Capital Programme to incorporate the Year 2 sum of £2.71m;
- 4) approve the principle of commissioning Mott MacDonald as external consultant for the project via the Merseytravel Consultancy Framework to 2025; and
- 5) delegate power to the Operational Director – Policy, Planning and Transportation, in consultation with the Leader and Portfolio Holder for Environment and Urban Renewal, to implement the Year 2 works on the East Runcorn Connectivity Scheme, within funding deadlines.

Operational
Director - Policy,
Planning and
Transportation

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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EXB13 HIGHWAYS IMPROVEMENT CONTRACT AWARD

The Board considered a report from the Operational Director – Policy, Planning and Transportation, which made a recommendation for the award of a contract for capital funded highway improvement works.

RESOLVED: That the Board approves the award of the ‘Highway Improvement Contract’ as recommended in the report, to commence on 6 August 2022, for three years initially, with a one-year extension option.

Operational
Director - Policy,
Planning and
Transportation