

**Extract of Executive Board Minutes relevant to the Environment & Urban Renewal Policy and Performance Board**

**EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING HELD ON 15 JUNE 2023**

<b>EXB7</b>	<b>PRELIMINARY ESTIMATES FOR PASSENGER TRANSPORT CONTRACT TENDERS</b>
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The Board considered a report of the Executive Director – Environment and Regeneration, which advised that the aggregate value of the proposed passenger transport contracts through a revised Dynamic Purchasing System (DPS) was projected to be in excess of £1m.

The passenger transport DPS process was a mechanism that enabled the Council to identify transport providers who were capable of delivering the specialist nature of transport contracts on its behalf and to the standard identified in the current conditions of the contract. The current DPS would expire in August 2023 and the replacement would be required for September 2023.

RESOLVED: That:

- 1) the procurement of passenger transport contracts through a revised DPS is approved; and
- 2) the Operational Director – Planning, Policy and Transportation, in consultation with the Portfolio Holder Environment and Urban Renewal, be delegated to deal with any matters relating to the procurement and operation of this contract.

<b>EXB8</b>	<b>BUS SHELTERS SUPPLY, INSTALLATION AND MAINTENANCE</b>
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The Board considered a report of the Executive Director – Environment and Regeneration, which sought a waiver of Part 2 and or Part 3 of Standing Orders, for the award of a contract for the provision of bus shelter supply, installation and maintenance for an initial period of four years with the option to extend for a further two years.

The Board noted that Commutaports were the current contractor and had provided the public transport infrastructure for approximately 20 years. During this period, they had won the competitive tender process on a number of occasions, providing competitive pricing on each occasion. They had also proven to be a thoroughly professional, reliable and punctual organisation and had demonstrated a willingness to work and make necessary adjustments to schedules to accommodate requests made by the Council.

All 301 bus shelters within Halton had been supplied and maintained by Commutaports, and approving the proposed waiver would ensure continuity and standardisation of the public transport infrastructure.

RESOLVED: That the Board

- 1) note the contents of the report; and
- 2) in compliance with Procurement Standing Order 1.14.4(v) approve a waiver of Part 2 and/or Part 3 of Standing Orders, for the direct award to Commutaports Ltd for the supply, installation and maintenance of bus shelters across the Borough, for an initial period of four years with the option to extend for a further two years; and
- 3) supports the overall process.

<b>EXB9</b>	<b>PRELIMINARY ESTIMATES FOR THE PROVISION OF COMMERCIAL VEHICLES AND PLANT COMPONENTS</b>
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The Board considered a report of the Executive Director – Environment and Regeneration, which advised that the aggregate value of the proposed contract for the provision of commercial vehicle and plant components was projected to be in excess of £1m.

The existing contract would come to an end on 8 August 2023 and it was proposed that any new contract arrangements should provide for a greater level of flexibility and allow the Council at any time, to be able to choose to place orders with other suppliers. It was proposed that the new arrangements would be for a 5 year period with the potential for up to 5 one year extensions (10 years in total), subject to satisfactory performance and pricing agreement.

RESOLVED: That

- 1) the procurement of a new contract for commercial vehicle and plant components be approved; and
- 2) the Operational Director – Planning, Policy and Transportation, in consultation with the Portfolio Holder Environment and Urban Renewal, be delegated to deal with any matters relating to procurement and operation of this contract.

## EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING HELD ON 13 JULY 2023

<b>EXB18</b>	<b>TRANSPORT INFRASTRUCTURE UPDATE</b>
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The Board considered a report of the Executive Director – Environment and Regeneration, which provided an update on improvements to the Borough’s Transport Infrastructure and network and sought approval for the next set of transport related projects.

It was reported that Halton’s adopted Local Transport Plan 3 (LTP3) set out the statutory context for investment in infrastructure to 2025/26. In association with the 22 ‘Primary Transport Strategies’ contained in LTP3, there were a number of major schemes and improvement projects that covered road, rail, bus, cycling and walking. The report provided Members with details for each of these projects and advised that many of the schemes had been delivered.

It was noted that, since the adoption of LTP3, there had been a number of changes to the way transport strategy and funding were administered. The Liverpool City Region Combined Authority (LCRCA) had been created and new priorities such as Transport for the North, Northern Powerhouse Rail and High Speed 2 had emerged. Department for Transport funding was now directed to the LCRCA and redistributed to local councils. It was therefore imperative that schemes were developed to an advanced stage of design and appraisal to ensure funding success. Appendix 1 within the report contained the list of schemes that formed Halton’s ‘transport pipeline’ and Appendix 2 outlined current schemes.

RESOLVED: That

- 1) the list of schemes in Appendix 1, attached to the report be approved, and be developed into deliverable schemes (including design, feasibility work, business case preparation, funding bids and, where appropriate, entry into the Council’s Capital Programme);
- 2) the Operational Director, Planning, Policy and Transport, be authorised, in consultation with the Portfolio Holder for Environment and Urban Renewal, to take the necessary actions to ensure value for money through the appropriate procurement processes relating to the list of schemes (Appendices 1 and 2); and
- 3) the Operational Director, Planning, Policy and Transport, be authorised, in consultation with the Portfolio holder for Environment and Urban Renewal, to take any other actions necessary to accept grant funding and enable timely delivery of the list of schemes (Appendices 1 and 2).