

Part 1 – Open to the public	ITEM NO.
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REPORT OF
The Strategic Director Place
TO
Procurement Board
ON
19 February 2020

TITLE: Approval to go out to competition for Swinton Greenway Cycling & Walking Scheme.

RECOMMENDATION:

That Procurement Board:

Grant authority for Swinton Greenway Cycling & Walking Scheme to be procured in accordance with the Council's Contractual Standing Orders through an *existing Framework*.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

The purpose of this report is to request approval to go out to competition for the delivery of the above mentioned project.

BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS:

Swinton Greenway – Report of the Strategic Director Place to Property & Regeneration for Briefing on 10 February 2020.

KEY DECISION:

No

DETAILS:

Swinton Greenway once completed will provide an entirely traffic-free walking and cycling route between Swinton and Monton. The scheme will provide a highly attractive, safe, direct route between Swinton and Monton, linking key area attractors such as the district centres of Monton to existing public transport and provide safe routes to schools and a college, making walking, cycling and more sustainable forms of transport a more attractive choice in comparison to driving.

Salford City Council has secured Programme Entry (PE) funding from the Mayors Challenge Fund (MCF) to develop the Swinton Greenway scheme to full business case stage. The current estimated total cost for the project is £5.906m (based on a RIBA 3 estimate 20.01.20), which includes for all the project development costs incurred to date, the delivery of the scheme on site and the required TfGM/ MCF growth deal levels of risk.

A large proportion of the funding for the scheme will come from MCF grant following the submission of a business case to MCF fund. The City Council will look to match fund a proportion of the overall required funding with applicable Section 106 funds.

This scheme was presented at the Property & Regeneration Board on 10 February 2020 and was endorsed by members. The next stage of the project requires the scheme to be tendered for a price. The recommended procurement route for the main works contract is the existing Salford City Council Landscape Framework. The Landscape Framework has successfully delivered a number of schemes of a similar nature to Swinton Greenway over the course of its lifespan and this successful track record and the nature of the works being proposed are the reason the Landscape Framework is recommended.

The forecasted key project milestones for the Swinton Greenway project are detailed in the table below:

Swinton Greenway – Key Milestones	Completion (Forecasted)
Detailed Design	Feb 2020
Procurement	May 2020
Business Case Submission	June 2020
Business Case Approval	August 2020
Construction Starts	September 2020
Construction Finishes	December 2021

KEY COUNCIL POLICIES:

EQUALITY IMPACT ASSESSMENT AND IMPLICATIONS:

For this report, indicating that an EIA has been carried out is sufficient, or if one is not required, just indicate not applicable.

ASSESSMENT OF RISK:

A tendered cost for the scheme is required when submitting a Full Business Case (FBC), without an FBC approval grant funding will not be approved for construction of the scheme.

SOURCE OF FUNDING:

The majority of the funding will be sought from the Mayor Challenge Fund (MCF), with the City Council looking towards allocating an amount of Match Funding from applicable S106 funds.

LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

Supplied by: Tony Hatton, Principal Solicitor, tel. 219 6323
Date: 28.01.20

When commissioning contracts for the procurement of goods, services or the execution of works, the Council must comply with the Public Contracts Regulations 2015 (PCR) and its own Contractual Standing Orders (CSOs), failing which a contract may be subject to legal challenge from an aggrieved provider. The proposal in the report is to undertake a competitive tender exercise in accordance with the Council's Landscape Framework, which was procured in accordance with the PCR and CSO's. CSO's also stipulate that where a suitable framework exists, this must be used unless there is an auditable reason not to do so.

The purpose of a framework agreement is to select through a procurement/evaluation process a number of providers who can meet the service requirements of the Council, as and when those services are required. If they are required then the Council will undertake an exercise to call off the services from one or more of the providers who have been selected to be on the framework and this may be through any number of ways, in this instance by way of mini-competition. A contract will then be formed between the Council and the chosen provider/s. The Council will need to have followed the procedure set out in the framework agreement for mini competition to ensure the procurement process is compliant.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Supplied by: Natalie Birchall, Ext 2316

Date: 29.01.2020

The Swinton Greenway scheme as proposed in this report, has a current estimated cost of £5.906m.

The scheme has received MCF programme entry approval in September 2018 and the proposals outlined in this report will facilitate full business case development and approval by GMCA, to secure the access to the Mayors challenge funding.

In agreement with GMCA, as the scheme has received programme entry approval SCC are able to claim scheme development costs in advance of FBC approval which is expected in June 2020. In accordance with Growth Deal rules, SCC will cash flow the project and re-claim from TFGM via quarterly claims.

As part of the Growth Deal process for Full Business Case, Salford City Council must enter into a legally binding Grant Funding Agreement (GFA). This forms a financial contract between Salford, TfGM and GMCA.

The council will look to match fund the scheme from various S106 contributions and the highways devolved community budgets.

Following FBC approval further approvals and a procurement board report will be required to award a contract to the successful contractor and include confirmations of secured match funding.

PROCUREMENT IMPLICATIONS

Supplied by: Christinne Flisk

Date: 30 January 2020

The Landscaping and Associated Services framework has been procured compliantly in line with OJEO and Public Contract regulations and contractual standing orders. The procurement team will support the technical team to undertake a mini competition through this framework compliantly in line with the framework agreement.

HR IMPLICATIONS: Supplied by:

N/A

CLIMATE CHANGE IMPLICATIONS: Supplied by:

The implication on climate change of the on the award of this contract will be considered within the Social value assessments of the tenders once they are returned. Tenderers will be asked to provide details of any specific environmental sustainability practices / measures to be employed on this contract and will be scored on that basis.

As part of the design phase, a specific piece of work has been undertaken to determine the most appropriate final surface course material taking into account not just the initial cost of the products but the Whole Life Cost. The final Surface Course material chosen will save 27,000 used car tyres destined for Land Fill.

OTHER DIRECTORATES CONSULTED:

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WARD(S) TO WHICH REPORT RELATE(S):

Eccles and Swinton South
