

# Procurement Board Meeting Held at 100 Embankment, Cathedral Approach, Salford, M3 7NJ

7<sup>th</sup> July 2021

Meeting commenced at 10:30am

Meeting ended at: 10:58am

## Present in Person

Councillors Bill Hinds (in the chair), John Merry and Jack Youd.

## In Attendance in Person

Carol Eddleston                  Democratic Services

## In Attendance via MS Teams

Andrew Leigh	Head of Housing & Strategy
Jane Barlow	Programme & Commercial Manager
Anene Chiegboka	Principal Engineer
Chris Conway	Category Manager
Anthony Hilton	Head of Strategic Procurement
Chris Smith	Head of Infrastructure
Tracy Squirrel	Assistant Building Liaison Officer

### 1. Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were submitted on behalf of City Mayor Paul Dennett and Councillor Tracy Kelly.

### 2. Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

### 3. Minutes of Proceedings

The minutes of the meeting held on 23<sup>rd</sup> June were approved as a correct record.

### 4. Matters Arising

There were no matters arising.

### 5. Decision Items – Part 1 (open to the public)

#### 5(a) Request for Approval – Contract Award – Commissioned Statutory Homeless Supported Temporary Accommodation Projects

Consideration was given to a joint report of the Interim Strategic Director for Place and the Strategic Director for People seeking approval to award the contract for Statutory Homeless Supported Temporary Accommodation Projects.

The council currently had two commissioned statutory homeless supported temporary accommodation schemes at Abbott Lodge and SASH. Together they currently provided 35 units of supported accommodation. These clients who had qualified for assistance, were often identified as

having a priority need (as defined by housing law) and were therefore vulnerable and likely to have very high levels of complex needs. Both existing commissioned schemes would reach the end of their contract term on 30.11.21 and Procurement Board had previously given approval to re-tender these services within the existing budget c£225k per annum and to seek to increase capacity to a minimum of 45 units within existing budget parameters.

It was disappointing that the two bids submitted for LOT 3 (minimum of 10 units in one or more of: Little Hulton, Walkden (North or South), Swinton (Wardley or Park), Eccles or Barton & Winton) had not been acceptable as they offered shared accommodation, which was not what was required.

The successful bidder for LOT 1 already paid the real Living Wage and the successful bidder for LOT 2 had committed to do so. This would be followed up as part of contract monitoring.

RESOLVED, THAT: 60 months' contracts with two optional 12 months extension periods be awarded as follows for the provision of statutory homeless supported temporary accommodation:

LOT 1, with a full project value of £375,610, be awarded to the Riverside Group, and

LOT 2, with a full project value of £486,348.15, be awarded to Salvation Army Housing Association.

### 5(b) – Request for Approval – Contract Award – Internal Alteration Works at Springwood Primary School, Craig Hall Site

Consideration was given to a report of the Strategic Director People seeking approval to award the contract for internal alterations at Springwood Primary School, Craig Hall site.

The works had been identified as a priority under the schools Asset Management Plan (AMP) criteria and included internal alterations to the existing kitchen and laundry to create a small kitchen facility, two small group rooms and a large storeroom. The works were to be funded from the schools capital maintenance programme.

Members of the board welcomed the detailed commitment to Social Value outlined by the successful bidder and were particularly pleased to learn that they had applied for Living Wage Foundation accreditation and had continued to pay furloughed staff 100% of their salary.

RESOLVED, THAT: a seven weeks' contract for internal alterations at Springwood Primary School, Craig Hall site be awarded to Schofield and Sons Limited at a cost of £171,921.00 (full project cost £200,000.00).

### 5(c) – Request for Approval to go out to Tender for Salford City Centre Bee Network

Consideration was given to a report of the Strategic Director Place seeking approval to go out to tender for each phase of the proposed Salford City Centre Bee Network scheme.

The Bee Network proposals created an interconnected walking and cycling network which linked key trip generators by providing routes along the River Irwell, negotiating railway infrastructure, and connections through neighbourhoods

The report provided a scheme update following the successful bid to the Mayors Challenge Fund (MCF) gaining programme entry status and sought further approval for the next steps of delivery. The Salford City Centre Bee Network once completed would support the transformation of Salford City centre into an attractive and welcoming environment for local people, residents and people travelling across Salford city centre. The current estimated total cost for all phases of the project was £4.9m (this was based on a pre-tender cost estimate in January 2021), for the delivery of the scheme on site and the required TfGM/MCF levels of risk. 2 The scheme would be largely funded from MCF grant, subject to a successful business case approval by the GMCA, a proportion of Section 106 funding to be secured by the City Council would also be used.

A five-week public consultation was undertaken from 18 December 2020 to 22 January 2021. A total of 459 comments were received through an online consultation tool, emails, returned post and voice messages.

Officers had reviewed all of the comments received and identified that a significant proportion of negative comments related to three locations: North George Street and Cannon Street; Mayan Avenue, Mount Street & Satinwood Walk, and Cleminson Street, Ford Street and St Stephen street. These comments were discussed during a workshop on 3 February 2021 with the multidisciplinary team involved in the development of the scheme and alternative design options proposed to address the concerns.

Contribution to Social Value would be considered as an element within the assessment of tender options, with tenderers being asked to provide a method statement describing how they would bring value to the three priority Social Value outcomes for Salford: Social: increased community strength and resilience; Environmental: improved impact of the local environment on people's wellbeing and Economic: increased number of quality employment opportunities and reduced poverty for local citizens.

The board was mindful of the leverage opportunities that a project of this magnitude would bring to the city council. Officers were urged to think strategically about what the ask from council in terms of apprenticeships, upskilling and employment opportunities, particularly in areas where there might be a notable lack of skills currently.

RESOLVED, THAT Procurement Board:

- 1) Note and endorse the proposed procurement routes;
- 2) Approve the issue of tenders for each phase of the proposed Salford City Centre Bee Network scheme;
- 3) Delegate authority to the Strategic Director Place in consultation with the S151 officer to submit the Full Business Case (FBC) to the Greater Manchester Combined Authority (GMCA) for review.
- 4) Delegate Authority to the Strategic Director Place in consultation with the S151 officer to draft and approve the Grant Funding Agreement (GFA) between Salford City Council, Transport for Greater Manchester (TfGM) and the GMCA.