

Name of decision maker: Assistant Director of Planning, Development & Regeneration

Service Area: Strategic Planning & Regeneration

Title of Decision: Award of contract for the preliminary works on the Marlowes Bus Interchange Project

Decision made and reasons:

Decision:

To approve that a contract be awarded to T Loughman & Co Limited for preliminary works to be carried out prior to awarding them the main contract for the Marlowes Bus Interchange Project.

Reason:

The Council currently have an approved budget of £1.71m to complete the whole of the Bus Interchange works, and tenders have now been received with the preferred bidder returning a tender price of £1,710,805. Whilst this cost covers the construction side of the project we will be requiring a further budget to cover client side contingencies. The request for additional funds will be taken to the February Cabinet and the February Full Council following consultation with the Assistant Director of Planning, Development & Regeneration, the Council's Finance Department and the Portfolio-Holder for Planning & Regeneration. In order to progress these works and hit our start deadline of March/April 2015 the Council require some preliminary works to be undertaken such as utility searches. The preferred bidder has provided a quotation of £68k and whilst we accept this is a risk to the project, we feel these works are necessary to ensure we hit deadlines for the works to start prior to May 2015. This will also provide a thorough explanation of any further monies required which will be used to satisfy Members of the additional monies required

Reports considered:

None

Officers/Councillors/Ward Councillors/Stakeholders Consulted:

Team Leader – Commissioning, Procurement & Compliance
Group Manager – Commissioning, Procurement & Compliance
Assistant Director – Planning, Development & Regeneration

Financial Comments:

I can confirm there is sufficient budget in place in the Bus Interchange Capital program for the above.

Monitoring Officer Comments:

No comments to add to the report.

S151 Officer Comments:

No comments to add to the report.

Implications:**Value for Money:**

The monies used to carry out the Preliminary works are included in the tender price put forward by T Loughman & Co.

The tender was evaluated against criteria headings including Price, Technical Capability and Contractors Proposals.

This ensures that the Council does not look solely at the lowest priced tender, but takes into account other aspects of the requirement to ensure true value for money.

Financial:

The price for this contract is £68k. The works which will be carried out by T Loughman's will be included in the final contract price which currently stands at £1,710,805.00. This is subject to change, following clarifications post tender and depending on what the outcome is of the preliminary works. Any further costs above the budget will be taken to Cabinet and Full Council in February 15.

Risk: If the contract for the Preliminary works is not awarded then this could delay the whole project which will have a knock on effect on the regeneration projects in Hemel Hempstead Town Centre.

Officer Signature:

Date: