

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

Service Area: Strategic Planning & Regeneration

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

Decision made and reasons:

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To approve that the main contract be awarded to T Loughman & Co Limited for construction works to be carried out for the Marlowes Bus Interchange Project.

Reason:

Following the request for additional funds approved at Cabinet on 10 February 2015 and Council on 25 February, the Council has an approved budget of £2.75m to complete the Bus Interchange works. Tenders have been received with the preferred bidder returning a tender price of £1,710,805.81.

On the 30 April 2013 Cabinet (minute CA/061/13) delegated authority to the Assistant Director of Planning & Regeneration in consultation with the Assistant Director, Finance and Resources, and the Portfolio Holder for Planning and Regeneration to appoint a contractor for these works. In order to proceed and progress these works and hit our start deadline of March/April 2015 the Council now wishes to award the main contract.

The Director of Finance and Operations (in place of the Assistant Director Finance and Resources as the post is currently vacant) and the Portfolio Holder for Planning and Regeneration have been consulted and are in agreement with the decision to award the contract.

Reports considered:

30th April 2013 & 10th Feb 2015 Cabinet

Officers/Councillors/Ward Councillors/Stakeholders Consulted:

Team Leader - Commissioning, Procurement & Compliance
 Group Manager - Commissioning, Procurement & Compliance
 Assistant Director - Planning, Development & Regeneration
 Assistant Director - Chief Execs Unit
 Assistant Director - Finance & Resources
 Portfolio Holder - Planning, Development & Regeneration

Monitoring Officer Comments:

The contract has been drafted by Eversheds Solicitors acting on behalf of the Council and its terms are consistent with other Council contracts recently awarded for building works. The specification and pricing structure have been agreed by Tropus and Spicer Limited. The Legal team are therefore satisfied that the contract is in an appropriate form to be completed.

S151 Officer Comments:

No further comments to add to the report.

Implications:**Value for Money:**

The tender was evaluated against criteria headings including Price, Technical Capability and Contractors Proposals. The Procurement Report noting the final evaluation of the two bidders proposals are set out below.

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 submitted by T Loughman & Co is £1,710,805.81.

Risk: If the contract is not awarded at this time, 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: