

READING BOROUGH COUNCIL

REPORT BY DIRECTOR OF ENVIRONMENT AND NEIGHBOURHOOD SERVICES

TO:	POLICY COMMITTEE		
DATE:	23 JUNE 2014	AGENDA ITEM:	5
TITLE:	PEDESTRIAN CYCLE BRIDGE - DELEGATED AUTHORITY FOR CONTRACT AWARD		
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1. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

- 1.1 The purpose of the report is to inform Councillors of the ongoing procurement process in relation to the tendering for a contractor for the construction of the new Pedestrian Cycle Bridge and to seek delegated authority to enter into a contract with the preferred supplier in accordance with the Public Contract Regulations 2006 (as amended in 2009).

2. RECOMMENDED ACTION

- 2.1 That delegated authority is given to the Head of Transportation & Streetcare in consultation with the Lead Councillor for Strategic Environment, Planning and Transport, and the Head of Legal and Democratic Services to award the Pedestrian Cycle Bridge construction contract.

3. POLICY CONTEXT

- 3.1 To secure the most effective use of resources in the delivery of high quality, best value public service.

4. THE PROPOSAL

- 4.1 The tender is for the Construction of Pedestrian Cycle Bridge over River Thames in Reading. The OJEU (Official Journal of the European Union) restricted two stage procedure is being followed and the first stage Pre-Qualification Questionnaire (PQQ) has already been returned with sufficient

bidders having qualified to go through to the next Invitation To Tender (ITT) stage.

4.2 The construction is for a Steel Cable-Stayed Steel bridge with all associated Civil Engineering, Highways, Construction and Landscaping works. With key activities including but not limited to the following:

- Improvements to existing footways including localised widening/improvement to towpath and construction of new connections to highways and footways, improvement works to existing and new river edge structures;
- Improvements works to wetland areas on the River Thames;
- Concrete piling and foundation works;
- Steel piling works and associated ground works;
- Bridge installation and associated works;
- Lighting and all associated electrical works;
- Tree planting and associated hard and soft landscaping works.

5. CONTRIBUTION TO STRATEGIC AIMS

5.1 To promote equality, social inclusion and a safe and healthy environment for all.

6. COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT AND INFORMATION

6.1 A press release is intended to be issued upon entering the contract with the preferred bidder. The contractor will be required to work with Reading Borough Council on the coordination of information to be provided to the community throughout the duration of the project.

7. LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

7.1 It will be necessary to enter into a contract with the successful tenderer.

7.2 The tender process is being undertaken in accordance with the Official Journal of the European Union (OJEU) and the Council's Contract Procedure Rules and it is intended to enter into a contract based upon the most economically advantageous tender in terms of the criteria stated in the specifications.

8. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

8.1 The cost of the Pedestrian Cycle Bridge is intended to be met from a combination of Local Sustainable Transport Fund (LSTF) grant from The Department for Transport and local contributions for which s106 contributions have already been secured. The value of this contract is estimated between £3.5m and £5m however this figure is indicative and is subject to the outcome of the procurement process.

8.2 Maintenance of the bridge beyond the defect liability period including in the contract will become the responsibility of Reading Borough Council as it is a highways structure.

9. BACKGROUND PAPERS

9.1 Cabinet reports - LSTF 11th April 2011 and 28th November 2011.

9.2 Traffic Management Advisory Panel LSTF reports 9th September 2011 to 14th March 2013.

9.3 Traffic Management Sub-Committee LSTF update reports since 13th June 2013.

9.4 Planning Committee 16th October 2013.