

# WIRRAL COUNCIL

## SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITIES OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY COMMITTEE – 7 JUNE 2011

<b>SUBJECT:</b>	<b>DECISIONS TAKEN UNDER DELEGATED POWERS – TENDER ACCEPTANCE</b>
<b>WARD/S AFFECTED:</b>	<b>ALL</b>
<b>REPORT OF:</b>	<b>DIRECTOR OF TECHNICAL SERVICES</b>
<b>RESPONSIBLE PORTFOLIO HOLDER:</b>	<b>STREETSCENE AND TRANSPORT</b>
<b>KEY DECISION?</b> <i>(Defined in paragraph 13.3 of Article 13 'Decision Making' in the Council's Constitution.)</i>	<b>NO</b>

### 1.0 EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to inform Members, in accordance with the Approved Scheme of Delegation, of any instances where delegated authority has been used by the Director of Technical Services with respect to the appointment of Contractors or Consultants.

### 2.0 RECOMMENDATION

- 2.1 That the report is noted.

### 3.0 REASON FOR RECOMMENDATION

- 3.1 To advise Members in accordance with the Approved Scheme of Delegation.

### 4.0 BACKGROUND AND KEY ISSUES

- 4.1 Under the Approved Scheme of Delegation, the Director of Technical Services has used delegated authority to approve the appointment of the following contractors.
- 4.2 Project Title: Collection, Storage and Disposal of Vehicles Abandoned or Voluntarily Surrendered (3 year contract with 1 year option to extend)  
Contractor: Car Transplants Limited  
Contract Sum: Schedule of rates (estimated at £7260 per annum)
- 4.3 This contract relates to the provision of services to allow the Council to fulfil its duty with respect to abandoned vehicles.

- 4.4 Project Title: Wirral Coastal Strategy  
Contractor: AECOM  
Contract Sum: £89,314 (NEC3 Option A (lump sum priced contract with activity schedule))
- 4.5 This contract relates to the production of a Wirral Coastal Strategy, which will provide the business case for the future management of Wirral's coastal defences in accordance with the Shoreline Management Plan (SMP) policies.

## **5.0 RELEVANT RISKS**

### Collection, Storage and Disposal of Vehicles Abandoned or Voluntarily Surrendered

- 5.1 The local authority has a statutory duty to remove abandoned vehicles. Failing to appoint an approved contractor would lead to a reduced quality of service and expose the Council to risks or claims.

### Wirral Coastal Strategy

- 5.2 The coast is subject to flood and erosion risk. The management plan developed as part of the strategy to reduce these risks will be in line with the policies identified in the SMP

## **6.0 OTHER OPTIONS CONSIDERED**

### Collection, Storage and Disposal of Vehicles Abandoned or Voluntarily Surrendered

- 6.1 No other option is available, the local authority has a statutory duty to remove abandoned vehicles.

### Wirral Coastal Strategy

- 6.2 Production of the Wirral Coastal Strategy is in line with Environment Agency guidance for coastal management. Failure to provide a business case for future management would jeopardise Wirral's ability to apply for grant aid funding from the Environment Agency.

## **7.0 CONSULTATION**

### Collection, Storage and Disposal of Vehicles Abandoned or Voluntarily Surrendered

- 7.1 There are no specific consultation implications arising from this report. The Council invited tenders from a total of 8 contractors.

### Wirral Coastal Strategy

- 7.2 The Council will consult with the public and coastal stakeholders throughout the production of the strategy

## **8.0 IMPLICATIONS FOR VOLUNTARY, COMMUNITY AND FAITH GROUPS**

- 8.1 There are no specific voluntary, community and faith groups implications arising from this report.

## **9.0 RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS: FINANCIAL; IT; STAFFING; AND ASSETS**

- 9.1 There are no resource implications identified in this report. The approved tenders were the lowest/most economically advantageous received.
- 9.2 Grant aid funding for the full cost of the Wirral Coastal Strategy has been approved by the Environment Agency. The strategy will provide the business case for the future management of Wirral's coastal assets.

## **10.0 LEGAL IMPLICATIONS**

- 10.1 There are no specific legal implications arising from this report.

## **11.0 EQUALITIES IMPLICATIONS**

- 11.1 There are no specific equal opportunities or health impact implications arising from this report.

## **12.0 CARBON REDUCTION IMPLICATIONS**

- 12.1 There are no specific carbon reduction implications arising from this report.

## **13.0 PLANNING AND COMMUNITY SAFETY IMPLICATIONS**

- 13.1 The removal of abandoned vehicles has a positive impact on the environment and community safety.
- 13.2 The policy recommendations from the SMP and their delivery through the Wirral Coastal Strategy will be taken into account when formulating the policies in Wirral's Core Strategy.

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### **APPENDICES**

None

### **REFERENCE MATERIAL**

Flood and Coastal Erosion Risk Management Appraisal Guidance, Environment Agency, March 2010

**SUBJECT HISTORY (last 3 years)**

<b>Council Meeting</b>	<b>Date</b>
<b>Cabinet - Adoption Of The Shoreline Management Plan</b>	<b>02/09/2010</b>
<b>Cabinet – Wirral Coastal Strategy and Acceptance of Environment Agency Grant Aid</b>	<b>04/11/2010</b>