

EXECUTIVE MEMBER DECISION FORM

DECISION TO BE TAKEN BY: COUNCILLOR STUART WHITTINGHAM

KEY DECISION: NO

PORTFOLIO AREA: TRANSPORT AND TECHNOLOGY INFRASTRUCTURE

PORTFOLIOS AFFECTED: TRANSPORT AND TECHNOLOGY INFRASTRUCTURE

WARDS AFFECTED: HOYLAKE & MEOLS; WEST KIRBY & THURSTASTON

SUBJECT: PROCUREMENT OF CONSULTANTS – SAUGHALL MASSIE LINK ROAD FEASIBILITY

1. RECOMMENDATION:

That the Cabinet Member for Transport and Technology Infrastructure approves:

- (i) The commencement of a procurement exercise for the appointment of a consultant to carry out a feasibility study into a new link road at Saughall Massie.
- (ii) The commencement of a subsequent procurement exercise for the appointment of a consultant to prepare a Major Scheme Business Case for a new link road at Saughall Massie.

2. REASONS FOR THE DECISION

The Council's Constitution, Part 3, Schedule 5 – Delegation of Functions to Individual Cabinet Members, General Authority provides delegated authority to *(vi) Approve the commencement of all procurement exercises in accordance with the Council's Contract Procedure Rules in relation to matters falling within their Portfolio.*

A consultant is required to carry out a feasibility study for the proposed new link road through the proposed Hoylake Golf Resort as well as potential improvements to Saughall Massie Road and Heron Road, including: site

investigation; basic outline horizontal and vertical alignments and budget cost estimates.

The study and reporting is required to inform a separate, later, commission to prepare a full Web-TAG compliant Major Scheme Business Case (MSBC) for the Saughall Massie Link Road, for which a consultant will be appointed through a separate procurement exercise.

The MSBC will be necessary to secure the required capital grant funding for the new road and improvements, which has been put forward through the LCR Transport 'Pipeline' process. The new road and improvements will be essential to guarantee the success of the proposed golf resort, which will contribute to the Wirral's key 2020Vision pledges of securing £250 million of private sector investment, increasing Wirral's tourism economy to £450 million as well as Transport Infrastructure which is fit for the future.

Procurement of the consultants is proposed via the Merseytravel Consultancy Services Multi-Party Framework, Lot 11, using mini-competition within the lot in accordance with the framework conditions of use. It is considered that this procurement route currently provides the Council with the best prospects for commissioning a suitable consultant for each commission at the best value for money. This conclusion has been reached following consultation with the Council's Procurement team and with Merseytravel. No other procurement options have been considered.

It is estimated that the Feasibility Study commission is approximately £120,000 in value, and that the subsequent MSBC commission will be £80,000 in value. Both procurements will be funded from the £500,000 Reserve created for the development of major schemes.

3. STATEMENT OF COMPLIANCE

The recommendations are made further to legal advice from the Deputy Monitoring Officer and the Section 151 Officer has confirmed that they do not incur unlawful expenditure. They are also compliant with equality legislation and an equality analysis and impact assessment has been completed. The recommendations reflect the core principles of good governance set out in the Council's Code of Corporate Governance.

4. DECLARATION OF INTEREST

None

Signed:  Executive Member: Cllr Stuart Whittingham Date: 2 March 2016 Also present:	Signed:  Chief Officer: Mark Smith Date: 2 March 2016
Date of Senior Policy Team Meeting(s):	

A list of background papers on this issue is held with:

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