

EXECUTIVE MEMBER DECISION FORM

DECISION TO BE TAKEN BY: CLLR STUART WHITTINGHAM

KEY DECISION: NO

PORTFOLIO AREA: TRANSPORT AND INFRASTRUCTURE

PORTFOLIOS AFFECTED: TRANSPORT

WARDS AFFECTED: ALL WARDS

SUBJECT: APPROVAL OF APPOINTMENT OF A CONSULTANT TO UNDERTAKE THE WIRRAL NETWORK MANAGEMENT PLAN COMMISSION

1. RECOMMENDATIONS:

The Cabinet Member is recommended to

- (i) Approve the appointment of Mott MacDonald to undertake the Wirral Network Management Plan Commission, which has been tendered to the cost of £22,745.19.

2. REASON/S FOR RECOMMENDATIONS:

Wirral Council are looking to appoint a consultant to produce a Traffic Network Management Plan. The objective of the commission is to undertake two distinct stages of work. This will include an audit to review against the current legislation to ensure that Wirral Council is discharging its responsibilities. The second element of the work is to produce a Traffic Network Management Plan.

The Traffic Management Act 2004, Part 2: Network Management by Local Authorities imposes a duty on traffic authorities to secure expeditious movement of traffic on their network and to appoint a Traffic Manager. It is important that the authority undertakes its duties under Part 2 of the Traffic Management Act satisfactorily, and in the event of an authority failing to perform its network management duty the Secretary for State has powers to intervene. This work will identify what is required to pass the duty.

The Act also requires that a Traffic Manager be appointed to perform the tasks that an authority considers necessary for meeting the duty. The Traffic

Manager is a statutory post; the audit should also outline the key roles and responsibilities of the Traffic Manager and identify how these are currently being delivered within the Authority.

The consultant will produce a new Traffic Network Management Plan. Utilising the previous Network Management Plan produced in 2008, as an initial reference, to produce a new network management plan which reflects the current ambitions of the Council, and is set within a Liverpool City Region context.

The Network Management Plan will need to reflect Wirral's Pledge for Transport to: *"Ensure that Wirral has safe, affordable, well maintained and efficient transport networks for residents to access community services, enjoy our leisure facilities and commute to work"*.

This decision is being made in accordance with Part 3 Schedule 5 of the Council's Constitution.

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

There are no conflicts of interest.

Signed: 	Signed: 
Cabinet Member: Cllr Stuart Whittingham	Chief Officer: Mark Smith
Date: 11 th April 2018	Date: 11 th April 2018
Also present:	
Date of Senior Policy Team Meeting(s):	

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