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Decision Taker: Cabinet

Appropriate Scrutiny Committee:
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Date decision in force:

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Date of decision:

28/Jan/2015

Full description of decision:

To note the contents of this report and the substantial progress made to date in respect of the procurement process for the Scheme leading to a recommendation for the appointment of a preferred bidder in the separate Part II report and the next steps in order to undertake the construction phase for the Scheme.

Reasons for decision:

Concluding the procurement process for the Scheme will enable the Council (subject to the relevant conditions precedent including confirmation of the Government's funding contribution) to proceed to the construction phase and lead to the delivery and completion of the Scheme in accordance with the current Scheme programme. The significant economic, regeneration and transport benefits to the City that will arise from the delivery of the Scheme have been set out in detail in the previous Cabinet reports.

Alternative options considered and rejected:

The Council could decide not to appoint the preferred bidder and/or abandon the procurement process. However, this would mean that the Scheme would not be delivered in accordance with the Council and the Government's programme and therefore the significant economic, regeneration and transport benefits to the City as set out in detail in the previous Cabinet reports would be lost. Alternative scheme delivery options have been considered previously and rejected.

Title and author(s) of written report:

Sunderland Strategic Transport Corridor (SSTC) - New Wear Crossing - Report of the Deputy Chief Executive

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Is this a key decision: Yes

Does the Decision contain Confidential/Exempt Information: No

Declarations of Interest and Dispensations:

None

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To:

- Approve the appointment of the preferred bidder for the Contract on the basis of the tender evaluation set out in the report
- authorise the Deputy Chief Executive to take all necessary action in consultation with the Leader, the Portfolio Holder and the Director of Finance to clarify aspects of and confirm the commitments contained in the successful tender, where required, and to accept and agree on conditions (if any) set by Government in connection with the final approval of the Government's funding contribution and subject to the foregoing to thereafter proceed to award the Contract for the Scheme
- authorise the Chief Executive and/or the Head of Law and Governance to enter into and execute all legal documents that are required as part of the award of the Contract for the Scheme;
- to reaffirm that the Deputy Chief Executive is authorised, in consultation with the Portfolio Holder and the Director of Finance to appoint all necessary external technical support and professional advisers as required for the delivery of the Scheme;
- note that the necessary processes to appoint an organisation to carry out the Works Supervision and Contract Administration in respect of the construction of the Scheme have been undertaken and that a contract for this aspect of the Scheme is to be awarded to the contractor detailed in the report;
- to agree to a delegation to the Deputy Chief Executive and Director of Finance to authorise variations as detailed in the report in consultation with the Leader and the Portfolio Holder.

Reasons for decision:

To enable the Council to conclude the procurement process for the Scheme and (subject to the relevant conditions precedent including confirmation of the Government's funding contribution) to award the Contract to the most economically advantageous tenderer for the Scheme as determined by the tender evaluation process which is summarised in Section 4 and Appendix 1 of the report. The award of the Contract will enable the Scheme to proceed to the construction phase and lead to the delivery and completion of the Scheme in accordance with the current Scheme programme. The significant economic, regeneration and transport benefits to the City that will arise from the delivery of the Scheme have been set out in detail in the previous Cabinet reports.

Alternative options considered and rejected:

The Council could decide not to appoint the preferred bidder and/or abandon the procurement process. However the detailed evaluation process has clearly demonstrated that preferred bidder has submitted the most economically advantageous tender for the Scheme. In addition, the abandonment of the procurement process would mean that the Scheme would not be delivered in accordance with the Council and the Government's programme and therefore the significant economic, regeneration and transport benefits to the City as set out in detail in the previous Cabinet reports would be lost. Alternative scheme delivery options have been considered previously and rejected.

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Sunderland Strategic Transport Corridor (SSTC) - New Wear Crossing Appointment of Preferred Bidder and related matters - Report of the Deputy Chief Executive

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