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REPORT TO: CITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE – 26 JUNE 2023
REPORT ON: GREEN TRANSPORT HUB AND SPOKES PROJECT
REPORT BY: EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF CITY DEVELOPMENT
REPORT NO: 173-2023

1 PURPOSE OF REPORT

1.1 This report describes the procurement and tendering process proposed for the Green Transport Hub and Spokes project which recently secured Levelling Up Fund support. The report seeks authority to progress the design and tender process and subsequently procure the works through the SCAPE Scotland Construction Framework with McLaughlin and Harvey Building and Civil Engineers.

2 RECOMMENDATION

2.1 It is recommended that the Committee

- a approves the procurement of the Pre-construction Services through the SCAPE Framework with McLaughlin and Harvey Building and Civil Engineers; and
- b note that the final tender prices for enabling and construction works will be brought back to Committee for approval in due course.

3 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

3.1 £14.4 million has been secured for this project through the UK Government's Levelling Up Fund and an allocation of £1.6 million (10% match) from the Council's Capital Plan.

3.2 The projected cost for the SCAPE framework pre-construction phase of work to develop the project to tender stage is estimated to be £1,415,000. This is inclusive of external design and internal design and project management fees associated with engineering, architectural, landscaping, lighting, mechanical and electrical design elements, public utilities, site investigation and surveys of the existing building and surrounding infrastructure.

3.3 The Executive Director of Corporate Services has confirmed that these costs can be met from the Low Carbon Transport budget in the Deliver Climate Change section of the Capital Plan 2023-2028, which will include funding from the UK Levelling Up Fund.

4 BACKGROUND

4.1 The project will support the development of active and sustainable travel within the city, and support the creation of active travel corridors ("spokes") leading to the city centre, arriving at the "hub" – the existing Bell Street MSCP which holds a strategically important position in central Dundee. This provides a significant opportunity to support the transition and modal shift to encourage more sustainable travel in the city and improve connectivity to and from the north of the city centre.

4.2 The project is expected to deliver the following key objectives:

- a improve access and connectivity to employment, education, health and leisure facilities in the city for active modes;
- b reduce carbon emissions by increasing proportion of journeys made by low carbon modes;
- c modal shift from private car to active travel modes;

- d reduce congestion by encouraging people to use alternatives to a car;
 - e increased provision of EV charging infrastructure;
 - f greater EV uptake to improve air quality and cut carbon emissions; and
 - g reduce deliveries within the city centre by motorised vehicles, reducing congestion and increasing convenience for businesses.
- 4.3 Significant physical upgrades will be undertaken to the existing MSCP to deliver an attractive and fit for purpose facility that will form a visual representation of the city's commitment to changing transport within Dundee.

5 CURRENT SITUATION

- 5.1 On 19 January 2023, the UK Government confirmed that Dundee City Council's proposed "Green Transport Hub and Spokes" project had been provisionally awarded capital funding from the UK Levelling Up Fund subject to subsidy checks. Subsidy control review by the Department for Transport is ongoing and a grant offer is expected in early Autumn 2023 following completion of this exercise.
- 5.2 A high-level project development and delivery programme has been prepared as part of the project inception phase. To move forward with the project as currently programmed, approval to progress to Pre-construction services delivery stage is required.

6 PROCUREMENT DELIVERY AND COMMUNITY WEALTH BUILDING

- 6.1 It is proposed to appoint McLaughlin and Harvey to provide an initial Feasibility Study leading to design development through a Pre-construction Services Delivery Agreement under the SCAPE Framework. This Framework was tendered at national level. McLaughlin & Harvey were selected from the national framework based on the highest quality score with strong evidence that they are a highly capable, collaborative contractor who is committed to delivering value for money. Services provided through the Agreement include programme development, risk management and cost planning services. The delivery of the initial feasibility services confirm that the proposals fit within the overall project budget and within the timescales given by the Department for Transport. McLaughlin Harvey will work with the Council's in-house designers to develop the overall design and market test the work packages for the project. Further reports will be brought back to committee for Members to consider tender costs for enabling and construction works.
- 6.2 The benefits of using the SCAPE Framework include:
- a use of Council in-house design team;
 - b utilising the Contractor's expertise from an early stage in the design process, assisting with programming, cost certainty and value for money;
 - c open book tendering of all sub-contract packages within the main contract, with a contractual requirement to achieve high use of local sub-contractors; and
 - d a contractual requirement to deliver additional community benefits.
- 6.3 Utilising the contractors expertise from an early stage will allow engagement of key supply chain partners to focus on a number of key packages to drive best value, manage long-lead in times and enable the technical design development. These include:
- a specialist electric vehicle designer and supplier – including photovoltaic and battery storage installations and associated power/utility infrastructure;

- b concrete and waterproofing repair specialists;
 - c specialist feature/architectural lighting design;
 - d specialist cladding design; and
 - e any others that may be deemed necessary through the Pre-construction development period.
- 6.4 Where the Council utilise a national framework to procure construction and engineering works, McLaughlin Harvey like all tenderers that have been assigned to the relevant framework have previously been tendered on a qualitative and cost basis, ensuring a highly competitive benchmark is set for the framework supply chain.
- 6.5 The frameworks are designed to provide effective price benchmarking and cost targeting to achieve value for money while also offering early contractor involvement, support on brief development, budget costing, project programming and buildability as well as benefit to the local community.
- 6.6 This project will be delivered in line with the Council's Community Wealth Building agenda. By ensuring where possible that projects are delivered by a local supply chain, many benefits can be achieved, including retaining money in the local area and employability and education/training benefits. As well as local investment, using local labour teams means a reduction in commuting distances travelled, lowering the project's overall carbon footprint.
- 6.7 A tender report for the enabling and construction works will be brought back to a future Committee for approval. It is anticipated that the construction phase of the project will start in Spring 2024 and will take approximately 15-20 months to complete.

7 POLICY IMPLICATIONS

- 7.1 This report has been subject to the Pre-IIA Screening Tool and does not make any recommendations for change to strategy, policy, procedures, services or funding and so has not been subject to an Integrated Impact Assessment. An appropriate Senior Manager has reviewed and agreed with this assessment.

8 CONSULTATION

- 8.1 The Council Leadership Team have been consulted in the preparation of this report.

9 BACKGROUND PAPERS

- 9.1 None.

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