

Report of the Strategic Director of Place to the meeting of the Environment and Waste Overview and Scrutiny Committee to be held on 23rd January 2018.

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Subject:

Bradford Forster Square FBC Procurement.

Summary statement:

The redevelopment of Bradford Forster Square Train Station is one of the key schemes of the £1bn West Yorkshire Plus Transport Fund (WY+TF).

CBMDC officers are currently preparing a commission document to procure consultancy services for the Full Business Case (FBC). Whilst the exact value for this contract is yet to be determined it is likely to be in excess of £2m. As such officers are now reporting to the committee for engagement and contribution on this commission.

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1. SUMMARY

CBMDC officers have prepared a draft commissioning document for the development of a Full Business Case (FBC) for the Forster Square Station Gateway Project. This commission is likely to have a value in excess of £2m and as such must be seen by the Overview and Scrutiny Committee.

The attached Appendix A provides the draft wording for the Procurement Brief on the FBC. Members are asked to read through and comment upon the content of Appendix A.

Officers will, with member comments taken into account, return to the committee with the final version Procurement documentation for the February meeting of the committee.

2. BACKGROUND

- The Bradford Forster Square scheme is one of the 'Station Gateway' projects of the WY+TF
- Development phases undertaken up to point have included the completion of an initial masterplan.
- In turn this led to the production of an Outline Business Case (OBC) with services procured from Arup.
- The overall anticipated scheme cost at OBC was estimated at approximately £17m
- The completion and approval of the OBC led to the release of FBC development monies for a spend of up to £3.6m. Final costs for the FBC stage are yet to be determined.
- The purpose of the FBC is to revisit and where required rework the OBC analysis and assumptions building in and recording the findings of the formal procurement. This case at its conclusions recommends the "most economically advantageous offer", documents the contractual arrangements, confirms funding and affordability and sets out the detailed management arrangements and plans for successful delivery and post evaluation.



- The FBC stage is anticipated for completion by the end of the 2018/19 financial year
- The FBC will be peer reviewed by fellow officers at the Project Appraisal Team (PAT) at WYCA before then, subject to the findings of the PAT meeting, being sent to the Investment Committee and in turn WYCA Boards at the Combined Authority for approval.
- The final phase before on site delivery commences would be the finalisation of costs which is about applying due diligence to the assumptions of the FBC as well as assessing the delivery capabilities of the interested market actors / potential bidders for the contract.
- The procurement of consulting services for development of the FBC is being led by CBMDC. Another option to see the lead with Network Rail was considered but CBMDC has been determined, in an agreement with all partners, as the most appropriate lead to meet the objectives of the project programme.

3. OTHER CONSIDERATIONS

A recent public consultation on the scheme has produced some initial findings (see Appendix B) which indicate that the majority of the public are in support of the scheme (86% of respondents gave a positive view). Also, the proposed facilities for the station site were seen as important by respondents, with all having an average importance of above 3 out of 5 barring cycle parking facilities. Finally, a majority of respondents were in favour of arches in the station site having a rounded rather than pointed appearance. There were a total of 461 responses.

4. FINANCIAL & RESOURCE APPRAISAL

- As a discrete package of work with a likely price in excess of £2m it is necessary that the procurement of the FBC should be seen by the Environment and Waste O&S.
- The funding awarded is from the West Yorkshire+ Transport Fund and that there is no contribution from the Council (i.e. it is 100% grant funded).

5. RISK MANAGEMENT AND GOVERNANCE ISSUES

- A live risk register is kept for the Bradford Forster Square project. The development of a full understanding of quantifiable risks is a critical facet of the commission.
- The project will be managed in accordance with the requirements of the WYCA Assurance Process and associated Funding Agreement requirements
- A Project and Programme Board is in place to provide oversight.

6. LEGAL APPRAISAL

- There are no legal matters for discussion at this stage

7. OTHER IMPLICATIONS

7.1 EQUALITY & DIVERSITY

There are no equality and diversity implications for discussion at this stage. It should however be noted that the scheme is very much being developed in line with the CBMDC Equality Objectives with a full community consultation having taken place and been reported in December 2017 and further detailed design consultations to be held across the life of the FBC programme.

7.2 SUSTAINABILITY IMPLICATIONS

- The station improvement will deliver a positive sustainability impact in terms of boosting the attraction of public transport usage

7.3 GREENHOUSE GAS EMISSIONS IMPACTS

- The station improvement will deliver a positive greenhouse gases impact in terms of boosting the attraction of public transport usage

7.4 COMMUNITY SAFETY IMPLICATIONS

- There are no community safety matters for discussion at this stage

7.5 HUMAN RIGHTS ACT

- There are no human rights implications

7.6 TRADE UNION

- There are no Trade Union implications

7.7 WARD IMPLICATIONS

- There are no ward implications for discussion at this stage

8. NOT FOR PUBLICATION DOCUMENTS

- none

9. OPTIONS

This report is the key opportunity for members to contribute in the procurement approach on the Forster Square FBC. Members are invited to comment on Appendix A to inform the content of the document.

10. RECOMMENDATIONS

- (1) That Members give views and comments in relation to the Full Business Case Procurement.
- (2) That the procurement documentation, in its final form, be presented to Members at the meeting on 20 February 2018.

11. APPENDICES

Appendix A – Procurement Brief Draft
Appendix B – BFS Consultation Initial Report

12. BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS

- Minutes of the CBMDC Overview and Scrutiny Committee, December 2017 – Item on the Forster Square Station Public Consultation
- Minutes of the WYCA Board 29th June 2017 – Decision to progress to FBC
- Bradford Forster Square Outline Business Case Final Report
- Bradford Forster Square Funding Agreement