

**APPROVAL TO PROCURE CAMBRIDGESHIRE AND PETERBOROUGH  
COMBINED AUTHORITY TRANSPORT PROJECTS**

**To:** Economy and Environment Committee

**Meeting Date:** 16 August 2018

**From:** Graham Hughes - Executive Director, Place and Economy

**Electoral division(s):** All

**Forward Plan ref:** 2018/054      **Key decision:** Yes

**Purpose:** To consider the procurement of consultant resource on behalf of the Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Combined Authority to undertake development work on three of its transport priorities

**Recommendation:** The Committee is asked to:

a) Approve procurement on behalf of and fully funded by the Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Combined Authority, of consultancy services in relation to:

- the March to Wisbech Transport Corridor Study,
- the A505 Corridor Study,
- the A47 dualling from Peterborough to Wisbech,
- the Wisbech Access Strategy phase 1,
- the A10 dualling from Ely to Cambridge, and
- the M11 extension to the A47

b) Delegate to the Director of Place and Economy in consultation with the Chairman and Vice Chairman of the Committee, the agreement of:

- A project instruction for each project, and
- A legal agreement between Combined Authority and the Council for each project.

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## 1 BACKGROUND

- 1.1 The Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Combined Authority (CPCA) set out their transport priorities at their Board meeting on the 28 March 2018 (see <http://cambridgeshirepeterborough-ca.gov.uk/meetings/combined-authority-board-28-march-2018/?date=2018-03-28>).
- 1.2 Cambridgeshire County Council is working on behalf of the CPCA on a number of major transport projects, providing services that include:
- Procurement of consultancy services;
  - Project and contract management; and
  - Technical assurance of consultants work.
- 1.3 Expenditure on contracts let on behalf of the CPCA by the Council is recharged to the CPCA, as is officer time spent on this work. Council officers working on CPCA major transport projects report to the CPCA's Transport Director.

## 2 MAIN ISSUES

- 2.1 The CPCA has asked the Council to procure consultancy services through the Eastern Shires Purchasing Organisation's (ESPO) Consultancy Services framework or the Highways Services Contract in relation to three major transport projects. In addition, the CPCA and the Business Board are in the process of considering the release of the next phase of the Growth Deal funding allocated to the Wisbech Access Strategy. CPCA officers have indicated that the Council may also be asked to commission the next stage of work on two further projects.
- 2.2 For each of these projects, the expenditure involved would be over £500,000 and therefore requires Committee approval as Key Decisions under the Council's Constitution. The six projects are:
- March to Wisbech Transport Corridor Study.  
The CPCA has approved expenditure of up to £3M on work to take the March to Wisbech proposals to a stage of development equivalent to Network Rail GRIP stage 3 (option selection).  
It is intended to run a mini competition through the ESPO framework to ensure value for money.
  - A505 Corridor Study.  
The CPCA has approved expenditure of up to £1M on a multi-modal study looking at the area between the A10 at Royston and the A11 at Granta Park, This will provide an evidence base to make the case for transport improvements to support economic growth and address current travel problems.  
It is intended to run a mini competition through the ESPO framework to ensure value for money.
  - A47 Dualling  
Skanska are undertaking work on the A47 dualling proposals that has been commissioned by the Council on behalf of the CPCA through the Highways Services Contract. While precise scope and costs for the next stage of work have yet to be confirmed it will include option development and public / stakeholder engagement. Costs are very likely to exceed £500,000.

- Wisbech Access Strategy.

It is expected that £1.5m of funding will be released by the CPCA / Business Board for preliminary design work on phase 1 schemes in the Wisbech Access Strategy programme, and on additional feasibility work for two further schemes. More information on the Wisbech Access Strategy can be found at item 7 of the papers of the 24 May 2018 meeting of this committee (see <https://cmis.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/ccclive/Meetings/tabid/70/ctl/ViewMeetingPublic/mid/397/Meeting/681/Committee/5/Default.aspx>).

Subject to the release of funding, it is intended to award this work to Skanska through the Highways Services Contract.

- A10 dualling between Ely and Cambridge

- M11 extension to the A47

CPCA officers have indicated that the CPCA may ask the Council to procure consultancy services to further develop options for the dualling of the A10 between Ely and Cambridge, and for the extension of the M11 to the A47.

- 2.3 The Committee is also asked to delegate to the Executive Director for Place and Economy, in consultation with the Chair and Vice Chair of the Economy and Environment Committee the agreement of roles and responsibilities in relation to these projects. The terms of the delegation should require a project instruction and a legal agreement to be in place between the CPCA and the Council for each project. The CPCA will cover the costs of the Council in respect of all agreed liabilities under the project contracts and instructions.

### 3 ALIGNMENT WITH CORPORATE PRIORITIES

#### **Developing the local economy for the benefit of all**

- 3.1 There are no significant implications for this priority.

#### **Helping people live healthy and independent lives**

- 3.2 There are no significant implications for this priority.

#### **Supporting and protecting vulnerable people**

- 3.3 There are no significant implications for this priority.

### 4 SIGNIFICANT IMPLICATIONS

#### **Resource Implications**

- 4.1 The following bullet set out details of significant implications identified by officers:

- The agreements being developed with the CPCA referred to in paragraph 2.3 will identify the resource / funding requirements of the Council in undertaking the work. It will, along with the project instructions, set out the roles and responsibilities of the CPCA and the Council for each project, and the anticipated costs involved.
- The CPCA will cover the costs of the Council in respect of all agreed liabilities under the project contracts and instructions. This will include staff costs involved in the management of the projects.

## **Procurement / Contractual / Council Contract Procedure Rules Implications**

4.2 The report sets out details of significant implications in paragraphs 2.1 to 2.3.

## **Statutory, Legal and Risk Implications**

4.3 The following bullets set out details of significant implications identified by officers:

- The agreements referred to in paragraph 2.3 above will set out that the CPCA will cover the Council's agreed costs and expenses arising out of or in connection with the relevant procurements. Additional work beyond the scope of the initial agreements / project instructions / agreed funding will require CPCA agreement prior to commencement of work.
- The CPCA will not cover the Council for any liability that resulted from the Council's negligence or wilful misconduct.
- Any rights obtained by the Council while acting on behalf of the CPCA will be transferred to the CPCA.
- Overall governance and financial responsibility for the projects will remain with the CPCA.

## **Equality and Diversity Implications**

4.4 There are no significant implications within this category.

## **Engagement and Communications Implications**

4.5 There are no significant implications within this category.

## **Localism and Local Member Involvement**

4.6 There are no significant implications within this category.

## **Public Health Implications**

4.7 There are no significant implications within this category.

<b>Implications</b>	<b>Officer Clearance</b>
<b>Have the resource implications been cleared by Finance?</b>	Yes Sarah Heywood:
<b>Have the procurement/contractual/ Council Contract Procedure Rules implications been cleared by the LGSS Head of Procurement?</b>	Yes Paul White:
<b>Has the impact on statutory, legal and risk implications been cleared by LGSS Law?</b>	Yes Fiona McMillan:
<b>Have the equality and diversity implications been cleared by your Service Contact?</b>	Yes Tamar Oviatt-Ham:
<b>Have any engagement and communication implications been cleared by Communications?</b>	Yes Eleanor Bell:
<b>Have any localism and Local Member involvement issues been cleared by your Service Contact?</b>	Yes Tamar Oviatt-Ham:
<b>Have any Public Health implications been cleared by Public Health</b>	Yes Tess Campbell:

Source Documents	Location
None	