

Record of Delegated Executive Decision(s)

1. Subject of decision

Procurement of a Contractor through the Scape Framework to deliver North Shields Masterplan Projects

2. Name and Title of Decision Maker

Paul Hanson, Chief Executive

3. Details of any Conflict of Interest and any Dispensation granted in respect of such Interest

None.

4. Executive summary

On 25th January 2021, Cabinet approved the Masterplan for the Regeneration of North Shields.

At the meeting, Cabinet granted delegated authority to various officers to progress the delivery of the Masterplan including the procurement of design and construction services for those projects identified within the Masterplan. It is accepted that delegated authority should rest and be exercised by the Chief Executive as the single named officer of the Authority in consultation with the other named officers and members.

This report seeks delegated approval to appoint a contractor to deliver the following North Shields Masterplan projects: -

- Transport Interchange and New Town Square
- Riverside Embankment Walkway
- Gateway Improvements

5. Alternative Options considered

Given the value of the projects within scope, an alternative open and compliant route could add 6 months to each project's timeline, which would render them undeliverable within the funding timescale

6. Decision(s)

In accordance with the delegation provided by the Cabinet Report of 25th January 2021, it is recommended that the Chief Executive in consultation with the Head of Resources, the Head of Regeneration, the Mayor, the Deputy Mayor and the Cabinet Member for Finance and Resources is authorised to:

- (1) Appoint Wilmott Dixon as the Lead Construction Partner under the Scape Framework for the design and construction of the following North Shields Masterplan projects:
 - Transport Interchange and New Town Square
 - Riverside Embankment Walkway
 - Gateway Improvements
- (2) Enter into a Preconstruction Delivery Agreement (PCDA) with Wilmott Dixon for the projects identified in point (1) above.
- (3) When the final funding allocation is granted by the Department for Transport and subject to the Authority's acceptance of the design proposals, enter into a separate Construction Delivery Agreement with Wilmott Dixon to proceed to final design and build for each of the projects identified in point (1) above

7. Reasons for the Decision(s)

The projects listed above are critical to the delivery of the North Shields Masterplan approved at Cabinet in January 2021. The recommended procurement route will allow the smooth delivery of the listed projects by use of an experienced lead construction partner. As set out in the report, there are no other viable delivery routes to achieve the funding deadlines. It will allow the Transport Interchange project to proceed in which case the Co-op building can be demolished by Wilmott Dixon (once acquired by the Authority) and the new Transport Interchange built on the site. This alone will add immediate and significant value to the Authority's regeneration proposals for North Shields Town Centre as confirmed in the Authority's Ambition for North Tyneside. It will also allow the delivery of the other masterplan projects listed.

8. Date Decision Made

23 April 2021

9. Is this decision subject to call-in and if so expiry date of call-in period

Yes, the call-in period will expire at 5pm on Friday 30 April 2021

10. Date of Publication

23 April 2021

11. Implementation Date (if decision not called in)

After 5pm on 30 April 2021