

**FROM: BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR**

**SUBJECT: APPOINTMENT OF MAIN CONTRACTOR – A61  
WAKEFIELD ROAD BARNSELY – PHASE 1**

**DATE OF MEETING: 02 MARCH 2022**

Forum	SMT	GMB	STOB	TEB	MCA	A&RC	Approval/ Information
Report schedule/date	02/03	X	X	X	X	X	Approval

## EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

To seek Senior Management Team Directors approval to appoint Balfour Beatty to undertake the construction of a Bridge Widening and Highway Improvement Scheme which forms Phase 1 of A61 Wakefield Road, Barnsley TCF Project.

### 1. REASON FOR REPORT

Approval to appoint Balfour Beatty to undertake the construction of a Bridge Widening and Highway Improvement Scheme which forms Phase 1 of A61 Wakefield Road, Barnsley TCF Project.

### 2. RECOMMENDATIONS

That Senior Management Team:

- 2.1 approve the appointment of Balfour Beatty for Phase 1 construction of Bridge Widening and Highway Improvement Scheme on the A61 Old Mill Lane, Barnsley, at a cost of £5,488,606.87, subject to the approval of the A61 TCF Full Business Case by the SYMCA on 21 March 2022 and subject also to completion of required land acquisitions, and an acceptable planning permission for the scheme.

### 3. BACKGROUND INFORMATION

- 3.1 The A61 forms a major transport link between Barnsley town centre, conurbations to the north including Smithies, Athersley, New Lodge, Staincross, Mapplewell and Royston. It also provides strategic connections to Wakefield and Leeds in West Yorkshire. via the A6123 Aldwarke Lane and a new link road. This route is a very important part of the strategic bus networks and is served by approximately 204 bus services per day.

- 3.2 In 2019, the A61 Wakefield Road, Barnsley scheme was confirmed as eligible for funding as part of the Transforming Cities Fund programme and in March 2021 the Outline Business Case was approved allowing competitive prices to be secured for a preferred contractor to construct the works.
- 3.3 The SCAPE Civil Engineering National Framework was identified as the preferred procurement route. SCAPE Frameworks are public sector led, fully compliant, single provider, built environment frameworks across consultancy, construction and civil engineering. These frameworks are currently being used on £3bn of projects by over 600 public sector clients, including WYCA TCF projects.
- 3.4 This approach is recommended on high value and/or complex construction projects and is included as a recommendation in the recently published government guidance on sourcing and contracting public works projects and programmes "The Construction Playbook".
- 3.5 Balfour Beatty were issued with a full set of contract documents in November 2021 and submitted their tender price in the sum of £5,488,606.87.
- 3.6 The tender submission has been scrutinised by the appointed cost consultants, Turner & Townsend and the contract conditions and arrangements have been agreed in consultation with the SYMCA's legal team.
- 3.7 As a result of the current economic climate, and the effect on the construction industry, particularly in respect of ever-increasing material prices, it has been agreed to include the NEC4 X1 inflation clause. This means that tender price will be adjusted incrementally, based on published BCIS general engineering indices.
- 3.8 A sum has been included in the cost plan for inflation, based on current indices and forecasts. This sum will be held by the Client and an accurate adjustment will be applied to monthly interim payments.
- 3.9 The adoption of clause X1 avoided the contractor including an over inflated risk item in his tender price.
- 3.10 Negotiations continue with owners of the land required to deliver the scheme and planning consent is due to be secured on 24 March 2022.

#### 4. **IMPLICATIONS**

##### 4.1 **CONTRIBUTION TO SYPTE BUSINESS PLAN DELIVERY**

✓	Promote the use of public transport and maximise <b>patronage</b>
□	Make the most of <b>new technology</b> to improve public transport services
✓	Work with partners to reduce the impact public transport has on <b>Air Quality</b> and the <b>Environment</b>
✓	Get the best return for the region from <b>our investment</b> in public transport

##### 4.2 **RISK**

None	Associated Risk Reference(s) from risk register
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Describe existing or new risks as a result of this paper and any mitigations which are available.

- i) **Cost over-runs – TCF funding is finite and SYMCA has indicated scheme promoter needs to fund cost over-runs. Unforeseen variations due to complex nature of the scheme.**
- ii) **Legals/land transfers and planning delay start into bird nesting season – legals ongoing, planning permission expected to be granted March 2022, early removal of trees proposed.**
- iii) **Extensive amount of underground utility services that require diverting, both in terms of coordination and the difficulty in getting the Utility companies to engage due to high demand and shortage of resources.**
- iv) **Adoption of public highway not fully agreed with BMBC**

#### 4.3 FINANCIAL

- ☐ Existing Budget
 ☒ No Budget
- ☐ No Financial Implications

Awaiting outcome of TCF FBC approval decision anticipated at SYMCA Board on 21 March 2022.

Budget code to be used to fund:	
If capital, specify capital funding source available:	<b>SYMCA TCF £13,288,689</b>
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Have Finance been consulted?	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>

#### 4.4 LEGAL AND FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT

Y N

Does the report contain information which is potentially exempt from the Freedom of Information Act?

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Are there any exceptions to Standing Orders which need approval?

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Other Legal Implications

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Description of any implications if box ticked:

- **Legal agreements required over access to land to construct the road.**
- **Adoption agreements to be resolved.**

#### 4.5 INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY IMPLICATIONS

Have IT been consulted on the proposals in this paper and do the recommendations require amendments or new IT software systems or infrastructure?

- ☐ Yes
 ☒ No

#### 4.6 GENERAL DATA PROTECTION REGULATION

Y N

Does the paper have implications for the handling, transfer, processing or management of customer or other personal data?

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Is there a requirement to conduct a Privacy Impact Assessment?  
If so, please include as an appendix.

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Data retention requirements

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Other Data implications

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#### 4.7 HUMAN RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

Have HR been consulted on the proposals in this paper?

<input type="checkbox"/>	Yes
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No

Does the paper have implications for any of the following;? **No**

<input type="checkbox"/>	Individual job roles/responsibilities/grades	<input type="checkbox"/>	Resources
<input type="checkbox"/>	Skills requirements, e.g. training needs	<input type="checkbox"/>	Policies and procedures

#### 4.8 EQUALITY AND DIVERSITY

Does the paper have implications for any of the following;? **No**

<input type="checkbox"/>	Age	<input type="checkbox"/>	Disability
<input type="checkbox"/>	Gender	<input type="checkbox"/>	Gender reassignment
<input type="checkbox"/>	Marriage and civil partnership	<input type="checkbox"/>	Religion or belief
<input type="checkbox"/>	Pregnancy and maternity	<input type="checkbox"/>	Race
<input type="checkbox"/>	Sexual orientation		

Is an Equality Impact Assessment (EIA) needed	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	No	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
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#### 4.9 COMMUNICATIONS AND STAKEHOLDER MANAGEMENT

Does the paper have implications for any of the following;

<input type="checkbox"/>	Stakeholders	<input type="checkbox"/>	Internal communications
<input type="checkbox"/>	Media and Press (including reactive communications)	<input type="checkbox"/>	Marketing plans and campaigns
<input type="checkbox"/>	Mayoral activities (presenting either a risk or opportunity)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No communications and stakeholder implications

No Mayoral Briefing Document is required.

#### 4.10 ENVIRONMENTAL STRATEGY IMPLICATIONS

Do the recommendations in this paper change SYPTe's environmental impact?

<input type="checkbox"/>	Yes
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No

#### 4.11 CHANGE MANAGEMENT IMPLICATIONS

Does the paper result in any significant change management activity;

<input type="checkbox"/>	A Business Case is required to proceed
<input type="checkbox"/>	Managed through BAU change activities

<input type="checkbox"/>	A Project Initiation Document is required to proceed
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No change management implications

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