

FROM: **DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC TRANSPORT  
DEVELOPMENT**

SUBJECT: **APPOINTMENT OF UTILITY COMPANIES – A61  
WAKEFIELD ROAD BARNSELY – PHASE 1**

DATE OF MEETING: **04 MAY 2022**

Key Decision paper	Report signed off for publication?	Officer Decision Form required?	GMB	STOB	TEB	ARAP	MCA	ASRC	Approval/ Information
Yes	Yes	Yes	X	X	X	X	X	X	Approval

## EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

To approve the appointment of City Fibre to carry out underground service diversions for Phase 1 of the A61 works (a Transforming Cities Fund scheme), the widening of Old Mill Lane Bridge, based on a C3 stage budget estimate.

### 1. REASON FOR REPORT

- 1.1. To progress the Phase 1 scheme, it is necessary to appoint a number of utility companies to carry out diversion works for all existing services and equipment affected by the highway works. Each company will require payment in advance, based on detailed C4 estimates, in order to get them to commit to the works and enable the Main Contractor to programme and coordinate their individual on-site activities.
- 1.2. In accordance with Standing Order 5.8.1 (a) (i), the services are proprietary, and no alternative provider is available.
- 1.3. These costs are refundable, should the scheme not proceed.
- 1.4. City Fibre have so far submitted a C3 budget estimate in the sum of £271,768.68.
- 1.5. A more detailed C4 stage estimate is still awaited but to aid programme delivery timescales approval to appoint City Fibre is sought in advance of receipt of the C4 estimate.

### 2. RECOMMENDATIONS

SMT approval is sought to appoint City Fibre to carry out underground service diversions at a cost of £271,768.68, providing this cost is not exceeded upon receipt of more detailed C4 stage estimate, in which case additional approval will be requested at a later date.

### 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. 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. 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. SMT approved the appointment of Balfour Beatty to carry out construction of the Phase 1 works on at the meeting held on 02 March 2022.
- 3.4. The Full Business Case was submitted on 13 of December 2021 and has been approved at the MCA meeting on 21 March 2022, subject to certain conditions which the project team are currently working on to discharge prior to execution of the contract by both parties.

### 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

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 April 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

Budget code to be used to fund:	<b>5209-0219-091851</b>		
If capital, specify capital funding source available:	<b>SYMCA TCF £13,288,689</b>		
If virement specify which budget code:			
Have Finance been consulted?	Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No
Person contacted in Finance	<b>Mike Thomas</b>		
Date Finance consulted	<b>13 April 2022</b>		

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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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?

- Yes  
 No

Does the paper have implications for any of the following: No

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|--------------------------|--|--------------------------|-------------------------|
| <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

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| <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	No	✓
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4.9. COMMUNICATIONS AND STAKEHOLDER MANAGEMENT

Does the paper have implications for any of the following:

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| <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"/> | SCR Mayoral activities (presenting either a risk or opportunity) | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | No communications and stakeholder implications |

If the paper has Mayoral implications, consider if a Mayoral Briefing Document is required.

4.10. ENVIRONMENTAL STRATEGY IMPLICATIONS

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

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

4.11. CHANGE MANAGEMENT IMPLICATIONS

Does the paper result in any significant change management activity:

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|--------------------------|--|-------------------------------------|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> | A Business Case is required to proceed | <input type="checkbox"/>            | A Project Initiation Document is required to proceed |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Managed through BAU change activities  | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | No change management implications                    |

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