

SPECIAL EXECUTIVE
MONDAY, 12TH DECEMBER, 2022
SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION SHEET

Agenda No Item

5. **Supplementary Information Sheet (Pages 1 - 4)**

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Executive

12 December 2022

Supplementary Information

Procedure for the discharge of business at this meeting

The Leader of the Council welcomes the attendance of members of the public and non-Executive councillors at this meeting.

The procedure for dealing with each item of business shall be as follows:

1. Lead Councillor to introduce report on the matter
2. Non-Executive councillors invited to ask a question or comment, for which they will have a maximum of **five** minutes each
3. Lead councillor to respond to any questions/comments
4. Executive debates the matter
5. Lead councillor to respond to any questions/comments
6. Executive to make decision on the matter

AGENDA ITEM 4: GUILDFORD PARK ROAD REDEVELOPMENT - ACTION TO SECURE ELECTRICAL CONNECTIONS AND CAPACITY FOR THE NEW DEVELOPMENT (Pages 5 - 14)

Lead Councillor: Councillor Julia McShane, Leader of the Council and Councillor John Rigg, Lead Councillor for Regeneration

Lead Officer: Rachel Harper, Programme Manager, Corporate Programmes

The Executive is asked to note the following updated information that has been received since the agenda was published:

The quote that UKPN has provided includes three pricing scenarios which range from:

- £359,420.52 – UKPN undertake all non-contestable and contestable to work
- £70,106.89 – UKPN undertake non-contestable work only

Non-contestable works are the elements of the connections work which must be completed by UKPN.

Contestable works are the elements of the connections work which can be undertaken by others.

Following legal advice, it is considered that instructing UKPN to undertake all works, including those that are contestable, would not comply with procurement regulations unless an appropriate exemption is sought.

For the purposes of securing the capacity, and the decision being sought, it is acceptable to instruct UKPN to undertake non-contestable works only. There is scope to instruct UKPN to undertake the contestable works at a later stage if it can be determined that this would provide best value for the project and an appropriate procurement exemption is sought.

On the basis of the reduced financial commitment now sought, Officers believe this is no longer a key decision, but Officers still require Authority from the Executive to make the payment for the reasons discussed in the report.

The following amendments to the report are noted:

Executive Summary Paragraph 3:

The Council has the opportunity to act now to secure existing capacity for its development by funding, at an early stage, the future electrical connections for the scheme. This will be at a cost of **£70,106.89** based upon the quotation received from UK Power Networks (UKPN). Whilst it would be expected that these costs would be incurred during the project lifecycle, it was not anticipated at this stage and Officers have no authority to authorise payment in respect of this cost now.

Recommendation to Executive

(1) To authorise immediate payment of **£70,106.89** to UK Power Networks (UKPN) to establish the capacity for, and cost of, the electrical connections that will be required for the Guildford Park Road Redevelopment scheme.

4. Matter for Consideration

4.2 UKPN provided a quote for this work at the end of October 2022, which is **£70,106.89**. The quote is based on **UKPN undertaking all non-contestable** works necessary within the site to provide the new connections and is based upon utilising the existing wider distribution network to serve these connections. **Contestable works are excluded at this stage.**

4.7 GBC's application was received first meaning that we have an opportunity to secure the capacity now by accepting the quote and paying UKPN **£70,106.89**, thus forward funding the new connections.

7 Financial Implications

7.1 To secure the connections, GBC must pay UKPN **£70,106.89** by 21 December 2022.

7.2 The sum of **£70,106.89** is based on the quotation issued by UKPN and relates to them undertaking all **non-contestable** works. Payment is required in full, and up front. As the sum paid is based on a quotation, UKPN will confirm the final account sum for the work once it is complete. If the final account sum exceeds the quotation fee paid, GBC will have to pay the difference. If the final account sum is less than the quotation fee paid, UKPN will refund GBC the difference.

7.6 In order to proceed with the recommended action, the Executive is asked to authorise that **£70,106.89** be brought forward from the HRA Capital Programme Budget for this project for 2023/24 to be spent this financial year.

8. Legal Implications

~~8.2 Due to the urgency of this decision, and given that it is a key decision, the required 28 days' notice of it was not included in the Forward~~

~~Plan. Accordingly, the General Exception Procedure outlined in Access to Information Procedure Rule 15 was followed which required giving notice of the need to make the decision to the Chairman of Overview & Scrutiny Committee and publishing that notice on the website and making it available to view at the Council offices.~~

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