

Ash Road Bridge – Appendix 7. Document to Full Council Report (Part 1)

Appendix Title: **Procurement Strategy**
Subject: Procurement Strategy for the Project
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1. Procurement Summary:

- 1.1 The Ash Road Bridge ('ARB') Scheme comprises the construction of a road bridge over the North Downs Line (Stage 1) and construction of the footbridge and closure of the Ash level crossing (Stage 2).
- 1.2 To successfully deliver Stage 1 of the ARB Scheme, a Main Contractor will need to be appointed. The procurement strategy for Stage 1 has been developed over a number of months and is in line with previous reporting to the Executive.
- 1.3 As part of the consideration of the appropriate procurement strategy, it was noted that the overarching objectives for the Council were time certainty; cost certainty; good quality to meet the requirements of both the Council and third parties; and appropriate risk transference and compliance with governance requirements.
- 1.4 Following a review of the options, an appraisal was undertaken, which included interviews and evaluation of available Frameworks for the appointment of a preferred contractor.
- 1.5 It was confirmed that the procurement strategy that met the objectives was a Two Stage appointment route based on utilising the Council's preferred contractor.
- 1.6 At the time of writing this report, the route to market for the appointment of consultants and a main contractor for this project has been agreed in consultation with the Senior Specialist Procurement Officer of GBC. At its meeting on 23 March 2021 the Executive was asked to acknowledge the proposed appointment of its preferred contractor, which is expected to initially relate to a Pre-Construction Services Agreement and convert to a Lump Sum Contract prior to commencement of the works in late 2021.
- 1.7 In relation to the development of the design to support Stage 1 of the ARB Scheme, a further evaluation was carried out in relation to the optimum means of procurement of these services.
- 1.8 The outcome of this was to enter into a Contract with AECOM who, at the time of writing this report, are expected to develop the design through to RIBA Stage 4 in Autumn 2021 utilising the SCAPE Framework.
- 1.9 For Stage 2, the delivery strategy and procurement options for construction of the footbridge and closure of the Ash level crossing are currently being reviewed with Network Rail. It is the intention that the Executive will be updated on the procurement strategy for the footbridge and closure of the Ash level crossing at appropriate milestones.

- 1.10 At its meeting on 23 March 2021, the Executive agreed to delegate to the Strategic Service Director authority to enter into contracts and other legal agreements connected with this project in consultation with the Lead Councillor as long as these are within the approved budget. These contracts/agreements include both the PCSA and the main contract for the works which the Council proposes to enter into.