

## **The Vale of Glamorgan Council**

### **Cabinet Meeting: 31 July, 2017**

## **Report of the Cabinet Member for Neighbourhood Services and Transport**

### **A4226 Five Mile Lane Road Improvements Scheme**

#### **Purpose of the Report**

1. To provide a general update to Members on programme and progress and advise of a requirement to increase the value of the archaeological contract which will be addressed via a Part 2 report later on this agenda.

#### **Recommendation**

1. That Cabinet notes the contents of this report and the requirement to take a decision on the value of one of the contracts associated with this scheme later on this agenda.

#### **Reason for the Recommendation**

1. To apprise Cabinet.

#### **Background and update.**

2. Members will recall that Cabinet approved the principle of this scheme in October 2015, following the agreement of Welsh Government funding of £25.8m and that the proposed Compulsory Purchase Order (CPO) and Side Roads Order (SRO) was agreed at a meeting of full Council in January 2016.
3. Capita have been appointed to act in the Employer's Agent role for the scheme and Bruton Knowles have been appointed to act as the Council's land agent.
4. A planning application, supported by an extensive Environmental Impact Assessment, was submitted in March 2016 and the Draft Compulsory Purchase Order and Side Roads Order was issued in July 2017.
5. Planning permission (ref. 2016/00305/RG3) was granted on 16th December 2016 subject to 22 conditions.
6. A Public Inquiry relating to the draft Compulsory Purchase Order and Side Roads Order was held at the Docks Offices in Barry on 25th -26th January 2017. A decision on the CPO and SRO was received on the 14th July 2017 from the Minister accepting the recommendations of the Inspector and confirming the order subject to the minor modification as set out in the appendix to the decision letter. The

modification related to the exclusion of a small plot of land which the parties agreed was no longer required to facilitate the scheme as designed and which would have prevented a field access.

7. The main works tender was published through Sell2Wales and the deadline for the submission of bids is 28th July 2017. The Project Management Unit and Capita held mid-term clinics in June and have responded to over 100 tender queries. It is the intention to provide a tender report to Cabinet in September 2017 once the bids have been assessed.
8. An archaeological contract was tendered in January 2017 and Rubicon Heritage Services Ltd was appointed in March 2017. The intention behind their appointment is to de-risk the route with regard to archaeology in advance of the main works contract award.
9. The Planning Application documents included a Written Scheme of Investigation and the contract briefing provided to Rubicon included this document. The document sets out a generic methodology for dealing with any human remains uncovered but the assumption of that document was that numbers would be low.

### **Relevant Issues and Options**

10. The information relating to the archaeological dig is sensitive in nature and commercially confidential and has been reported under the provisions of Part 2 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972 as amended by the Local Government (Access to Information Order 2006).

### **Resource Implications (Financial and Employment)**

11. The scheme is funded by the Welsh Government under the terms of the funding agreement in place.

### **Sustainability and Climate Change Implications**

12. None.

### **Legal Implications (to Include Human Rights Implications)**

13. The contract form allows for contract variations and additional payments.

### **Crime and Disorder Implications**

14. None.

### **Equal Opportunities Implications (to include Welsh Language issues)**

15. None.

### **Corporate/Service Objectives**

16. The A4226 Five Mile scheme which supports the Corporate Plan aim to maximise economic growth, inward investment and employment opportunities through the Capital City Region and Cardiff Airport and St Athan Enterprise Zone.

### **Policy Framework and Budget**

17. This is a matter for Executive decision by Cabinet.

## **Consultation (including Ward Member Consultation)**

18. None required as this matter involves a relatively minor contract as part of the overall scheme, the details of which have already been agreed.

## **Relevant Scrutiny Committee**

19. Environment and Regeneration.

## **Background Papers**

None.

## **Contact Officer**

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## **Officers Consulted**

Emma Reed - Head of Visible Services and Transportation.

Mike Walsh - Senior Lawyer.

Lorna Cross - Operational Manager for Property.

Carolyn Michael - Operational Manager for Finance.

## **Responsible Officer:**

Miles Punter - Director of Environment and Housing Services.