



Officer Decision Record

1. Subject and details of the matter (to include reasons for the decision)

ENGIE is seeking approval to award the Contract for the provision of Grimsby-Immingham cycle highway project (Hobson Way).

The decision is to approve the award of construction contract, funded by taking receipt of the 'Getting Building Fund' from the Greater Lincolnshire LEP (GLLEP) to fund the complete works at the value of £139,784.

In spring 2020 the GLLEP contacted local authorities requesting potential schemes for a new Government fund. The 'Getting Building Fund' is part of the Government's post COVID-19 response and is aimed at delivering "shovel ready" schemes. In response the North East Lincolnshire Council submitted an Expression of Interest for £2.243m of LEP funding to deliver three new sections of cycle infrastructure in the area between Grimsby and Immingham ports along the South Humber Bank.

The three elements of the project are:

- Immingham town centre to Stallingborough Industrial Site, via the Kings Road and the A1173.
- A180 Westgate between Lockhill roundabout and Westgate roundabout.
- **Hobson Way between the South Humber Bank link road and the junction with South Marsh Lane.**

The scheme will support sustainable access to employment and training opportunities along the South Humber Bank, including helping to deliver the SHIP site near Stallingborough and the Humber Gate & Great Coates Industrial Park site.

Between them, these sites have the potential to support over 4,000 new jobs and thousands of new training opportunities in the near future. Providing a high-quality cycle link between these sites and the towns of Immingham and Grimsby will help residents access these opportunities, many of whom may live in the more deprived areas of the Borough and who may not have access to their own private car. The new infrastructure will help these people access opportunities that may not have been available to them previously. As well as supporting accessibility to new development sites the new cycle links will also support the businesses that are already located along the South Humber Bank.

The scheme also has significant road safety benefits, the industrial roads are already dominated by HGV traffic and the opening of the South Humber Bank Link Road later this year will add further traffic. Providing cyclists with their own space away from other traffic will make it safer and more attractive for people to cycle to work. This in turn helps reduce both the environmental impact of journeys to work but also means that there are less cars on the roads and less congestion that can often cause a direct cost to business traffic.

ENGIE have completed a framework tender exercise and are positioned to appoint a contractor as part of that process.

Lowest submission was made by Specialist Surfacing Ltd with the construction contract valued at £139,784.02.

The works schedule commences on 8th March 2021 and completes on 16th April 2021. This positions the works schedule conveniently against other planned major schemes on North East Lincolnshire Council's highway network.

A dedicated Project manager is assigned to this project, whose responsibilities are as follows: -

- Plan and monitor overall progress, the critical path, resolving issues and initiating corrective actions as appropriate
- Management of day to day communication and public liaison
- Management of risks and opportunities
- Management of works packages and supply chain.

Highway Design Team will be responsible for the day-to-day delivery of the project.

The appointed Contractor will be responsible for the implementation of the proposed works, the extent of which are shown on the attached plan.

2. Is it a Key Decision as defined in the Constitution?

Yes

3. Details of Decision

Approval to carry out the award process in accordance with the Councils Contract Procedure Rules

4. Is it an Urgent Decision? If yes, specify the reasons for urgency Urgent decisions will require sign off by the relevant scrutiny chair(s) as not subject to call in.

Yes.

To achieve the programmed start date a decision is required by 5 March 2021.

5. Anticipated outcome(s)

1. To proceed with the award of a Segregated Cycleway scheme.
2. That authority is given to the Monitoring Officer to complete all requisite legal documentation in relation to the matters outlined above.

6. Details of any alternative options considered and rejected by the officer when making the decision

When developing this programme, the Project Team considered a wide range of potential projects, taking into account their likely impact on sustainable travel in the Humber Bank area, the Local Transport Challenges and the Council's priority outcomes.

It is felt that the option presented to the GLLEP presented the best option available, other options such as "do nothing" would have failed to address the lack of sustainable transport alternatives in the area and a "do more" approach would have added significantly more cost to the project without adding additional benefits. The real need with the project is to address the lack of cycle infrastructure alongside

roads that are / have the potential to be dominated by HGV traffic associated with existing and new industrial activity along the Humber Bank. The three links identified will achieve this aim, additional sections of new infrastructure on quieter, less trafficked roads are less of priority.

7. Background documents considered

Cabinet Decision Notice dated 13th January 2021

8. Does the taking of the decision include consideration of Exempt information? If yes, specify the relevant paragraph of Schedule 12A and the reasons

No

9. Details of any conflict of interest declared by any Cabinet Member who was consulted by the officer which relates to the decision (in respect of any declared conflict of interest, please provide a note of dispensation granted by the Council's Chief Executive)

N/A

10. Monitoring Officer Comments (Monitoring Officer or Deputy Monitoring Officer)

The decision to approve the award is in line with the overall scheme and has, and will, follow the Council's Contract Procedure Rules and the Procurement Regulations.

11. Section 151 Officer Comments (Deputy S151 Officer or nominee)

The procurement process aims to achieve best value for money in contracting works and services.

The spend for this scheme will be met from a budget approved as part of the Council Capital Investment Programme.

12. Human Resource Comments (Strategic Workforce Lead or nominee)

There are no direct HR implications

13. Risk Assessment (in accordance with the Report Writing Guide)

There is a risk that if the contract is not awarded before the end of the current financial year, that :-

a) The preferred supplier may be unavailable to provide this service due to the length of delay incurred from tender evaluation to award.

14. Decision Maker(s):

Name: Mark Nearney

Title: Assistant Director Housing,
Highways and Transport

Signed: VIA EMAIL

Dated: 3rd March 2021

**15. Consultation carried out with
Portfolio Holder(s):**

Name: Councillor Stewart Swinburn

Title: Portfolio Holder for Environment
and Transport

Signed: VIA EMAIL

Dated: 3rd March 2021

**16. If the decision is urgent then
consultation should be carried out
with the relevant Scrutiny
Chair/Mayor/Deputy Mayor**

Name: N/A

Title: N/A

Signed: N/A

Dated: N/A

APPENDIX 1: EMAIL APPROVAL

From: Cllr Stewart Swinburn (NELC) <Stewart.Swinburn@nelincs.gov.uk>
Sent: 03 March 2021 17:34
To: Mark Nearney (NELC) <Mark.Nearney@nelincs.gov.uk>
Cc: Jennie Rogers (Engie) <Jennie.Rogers@Nelincs.gov.uk>; Casey Thornton (NELC) <Casey.Thornton@Nelincs.gov.uk>
Subject: RE: Gby to Immingham ccyleway - Hobson Way ODR

Thanks Mark,

I fully support this and approve the ODR.

Cllr Swinburn

From: Mark Nearney (NELC) <Mark.Nearney@nelincs.gov.uk>
Sent: 03 March 2021 12:43
To: Cllr Stewart Swinburn (NELC) <Stewart.Swinburn@nelincs.gov.uk>
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Subject: FW: Gby to Immingham ccyleway - Hobson Way ODR

Cllr,

I would be grateful if you can review/approve via email.

I am supportive.

Thanks

Mark

(Casey/Jennie – please can you ensure email confirmation goes to Dem Services, for logging, as per process.)

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