



Operational Officer Decision Record

Where the decision has a financial value of between £100k - £350k and does not have a **significant** impact on two or more wards

1. Subject and details of the matter (to include reasons for the decision and detail of any previous cabinet decision)

Approval to award the contract for Dredging of the River Freshney.

The dredging will take place between Alexandra Road and the ABP Pumping Station located 88m north of Simwhite Bridge and in the areas of the River Freshney adjacent to Riverhead Square from Simwhite Bridge to a point 90m south where the Barge public house is located.

The areas of dredging works are to be split in to two (2) phases including a required area (Area 1) and a provisional area (Area 3), with provisional works being carried out subject to available funding. The areas are shown in Figure A below.

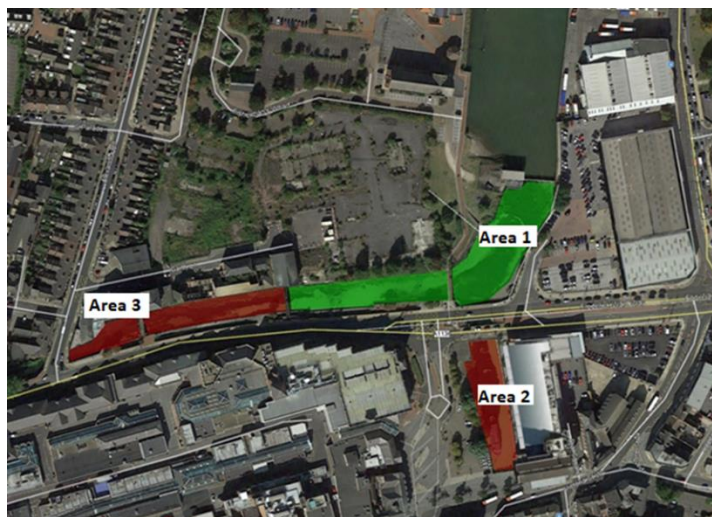


Figure A – Proposed Dredging Areas Copyright 2020 Google

The total whole life value of the contract is £300,000.

Cabinet approved the following recommendations on the 16th December 2019 (DN.70):

1. That it be agreed to contract for receipt of the Local Growth Fund grant and also, any future Town Deal funding associated with this scheme.
2. That the final scheme layout for the Garth Lane and Frederick Ward Way public realm improvement scheme be approved.
3. That the Interim Director of Economy and Growth, in consultation with the Leader of the Council, be authorised to:
 - a. undertake the procurement of capital activities required to deliver the programme activity;
 - b. take all actions necessary to secure the continued implementation and ultimate completion of the scheme including detailed design changes, including bridge design, planning applications and all ancillary issues arising.
4. That the Chief Legal and Monitoring Officer be authorised to execute all documentation arising.

An Open procurement process was used.

The contract will end on the 28th February 2023.

Following conclusion of the evaluation process, Ebsford Environmental Ltd has been identified as the most economically advantageous tenderer, and so approval is sought to award the contract for the Dredging of the River Freshney contract to Ebsford Environmental Ltd.

2. Decision being taken

That the Executive Director for Environment, Economy and Resources in consultation with the Leader of the Council awards the contract for the Dredging of the River Freshney, both Area 1 and Area 3 to Ebsford Environmental Ltd and for the contract to end on the 28th February 2023.

3. Anticipated outcome(s)/benefits

The contract for the Dredging of the River Freshney, both Area 1 and Area 3 is awarded via an Open procurement process to Ebsford Environmental Ltd and the contract will end on the 28th February 2023.

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

Do nothing – this would not accord with the regeneration aspirations for Grimsby and would limit opportunities for investment in the public realm. This would also result in the Council having to abandon funding proposals associated with the Town Deal and also return funds to the Humber LEP, with associated negative reputational consequences.

5. Background documents considered (web link to be included or copies of documents for publishing)

Cabinet Report dated 16th December 2019 (DN.70)

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

7. 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)

No conflicts of interest have been identified.

8. Monitoring Officer Comments (Monitoring Officer or nominee)

The above decision is consistent with the will of Cabinet and clearly supports delivery of the overall Town Deal agenda.

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

The cost of the works are to be met from existing approved capital scheme budgets and funding.

10. Human Resource Comments (Head of People and Culture or nominee)

There are no direct HR implications

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

If approval to undertake this project is not granted, there may be reputational risks associated with appearance and future use of the River Freshney which is linked into the Grimsby Town Centre Deal.

12. If the decision links to a previous one taken by Cabinet, has the Cabinet Tracker been updated?

N/A

13. Decision Maker(s):

Name: Sharon Wroot

Title: Executive Director for
Environment, Economy and
Resources

Signed: REDACTED

Dated: 29th November 2021

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

Name: Councillor Phillip Jackson

Title: Leader of the Council

Signed: REDACTED

Dated: 29th November 2021