

Report on	Maghera Public Realm Contract award - Delegated Authority request
Date of Meeting	8 th January 2024
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	No	X

1.0	Purpose of Report
1.1	For Council to approve awarding delegated powers for the award of a IST Capital Contract for the Maghera Public Realm Scheme, if required.
2.0	Background
2.1	As members are aware, Council is responsible for delivering the Strategic Maghera Regeneration Project funded by the Department for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities (LUHC) in parallel with Council's extensive Capital Programme, and other Strategic projects.
2.2	Members will be aware the three elements of the project have to be delivered simultaneously and by the very challenging deadline of March 2025. In order to meet the LUHC funding deadline, and so that funding isn't lost to Maghera, project implementation is very important at this juncture, particularly in respect of an IST procurement appointment for the delivery of the Public Realm element of the scheme.
3.0	Main Report
3.1	The indicative IST contract value for the Public Realm Scheme is estimated to be in the region of £3.65m. The scheme is in public procurement mode and the tender will close on the 21 st December 2023.
3.2	At this juncture it is highly unlikely that tender evaluation will be complete in time to bring a paper before January 2024 Environment Committee for decision. To progress the award and maintain funding deadlines it is intended to bring a tender evaluation report direct to the Council meeting on 25 th January 2024. However, in the event this is not achievable, approval to award the IST contract at the Environment Committee on 13 th February 2024 is required.
3.3	The end date for delivery of this project is 31 st March 2025. Due to the limited timeframe involved, approval is therefore sought to delegate authority to the February Environment Committee to authorise the award of this IST contract to the successful tenderer. This will allow for progressing scheme delivery within the available funding deadline.

4.0	Other Considerations
4.1	Financial, Human Resources & Risk Implications
	<p>Financial: Funding provision for the overall Maghera Regeneration Scheme is included within Councils Capital Programme 2023-27. This includes the LUHC funding of £9,058.971 for Maghera Regeneration Project and Council match funding of 10%.</p> <p>However, subject to the tender evaluation outcome, further value engineering may be required with the lowest cost tender submissions in respect of the Public Realm cost element if costs exceed available budget provision.</p>
	<p>Human: Within the Council existing staffing structure, supported by SIB project delivery support and the appointed Integrated Consultant Team (ICT).</p>
	<p>Risk Management: Non-delivery of any element of the project will impact the grant offer, result in negative press for the Council, and impact development in the District.</p>
4.2	Screening & Impact Assessments
	<p>Equality & Good Relations Implications: None.</p>
	<p>Rural Needs Implications: None.</p>
5.0	Recommendations
5.1	<p>Members are asked to note the contents of the report and to recommend to Council that, pursuant to Section 7(1)(b) of the Local Government Act (NI) 2014, that authority is delegated to the February 2024 Environment Committee to approve the award of IST contract for Maghera Public Realm scheme, in the event it is not possible to bring a tender report for the IST appointment to the January 2024 Council meeting.</p>
6.0	Documents Attached & References
	<p>None.</p>