

## RECORD OF EXECUTIVE DECISION

Monday, 15 February 2010

**Decision No:** (CAB 09/10 1688)

DECISION-MAKER:	CABINET
PORTFOLIO AREA:	Cabinet Member for Environment and Transport
SUBJECT:	Highways Service Partnership - Approval to Call for Final Tender
AUTHOR:	Mick Bishop

### THE DECISION

- (i) To delegate authority to the Executive Director for Environment in consultation with the Solicitor to the Council and Executive Director for Resources and following consultation with the Cabinet Member for Environment and Transport to take all necessary steps to close dialogue, issue Call for Final Tenders and appoint a preferred bidder within the parameters set out at Appendix 2, Annex 3.
- (ii) To approve the lease of office and depot space at Castle Way, Town Depot and future Dock Gate 20 City Depot to the successful Provider for a period commensurate with the term of the contract (or such lesser period as may be required) and to delegate authority to determine the final terms and conditions of any such leases to the Head of Property and Procurement.

### REASONS FOR THE DECISION

1. The dialogue stage of procurement with bidders is nearing completion. This process has provided evidence that the proposed implementation of a highways service partnership will provide a more effective and efficient service leading to improved performance levels and increased output. An Addendum to the original Outline Business Case has been produced to support these assertions.
2. The efficiencies generated from the partnership will be re-invested back into the highways service. The Partnership will not provide the level of additional funding required for significantly improving the condition of the highways network (for which it is estimated between £10-15m spend per annum is required) or move the Council away from a 'managed decline' strategy. However, it will ensure the Council is maximising the output from its existing budgets (approx £7.6m per annum).

**DETAILS OF ANY ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS**

1. A Strategic Business Case included an options appraisal which determined, in the absence of significant additional investment (i.e PFI), the model that best met the Critical Success Factors for the future of the Highways service was a long-term public/private service partnership. The alternative options considered were: Do-Nothing; Public/Public Partnership; Strategic Partnership; Externalisation; Fully in-house.
2. An Outline Business Case (OBC) set out a detailed options appraisal considering the form of Partnership which best met the Council’s objectives.

**OTHER RELEVANT MATTERS CONCERNING THE DECISION**

None.

**CONFLICTS OF INTEREST**

None.

**CONFIRMED AS A TRUE RECORD**

We certify that the decision this document records was made in accordance with the Local Authorities (Executive Arrangements) (Access to Information) (England) Regulations 2000 and is a true and accurate record of that decision.

Date: 15<sup>th</sup> February 2010

Decision Maker:  
The Cabinet

Proper Officer:  
Judy Cordell

**SCRUTINY**

Note: This decision will come in to force at the expiry of 5 working days from the date of publication subject to any review under the Council’s Scrutiny “Call-In” provisions.

Call-In Period expires on

Date of Call-in *(if applicable) (this suspends implementation)*

Call-in Procedure completed *(if applicable)*

Call-in heard by <i>(if applicable)</i>
Results of Call-in <i>(if applicable)</i>