

**WEST DUNBARTONSHIRE COUNCIL**  
**Report by Executive Director of**  
**Housing Environmental & Economic Development**

**Tendering Committee – 16 February 2011**

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**Subject: Procurement of the Hume Street/Alexander Street road improvement schemes**

**1. Purpose**

**1.1** This report seeks to inform Committee of the ongoing procurement process to facilitate the delivery of strategic road and junction improvement works to provide access improvements to Hume Street/Alexander Street and the provision of a new junction on Dumbarton Road/Hume Street.

**2. Background**

**2.1** Scottish Enterprise through grant funding up to the value of £1,310,000 will fund the provision of the improvement works to Hume Street/Alexander Street and the provision of a new junction at Dumbarton Road/Hume Street.

**2.2** Planning Approval and Road Construction Consent have been granted for the improvement works.

**2.3** Facilitation of the aspirational scheme to upgrade Chalmers Street transport hub with Strathclyde Partnership for Transport funding will dovetail into this project.

**3. Main Issues**

**3.1** Clydebank Rebuilt will be undertaking the procurement and supervision of the proposed works.

**3.2** The procurement of the design team and quantity surveyor services were procured in compliance with the EU public procurement regulations in June 2009.

**3.3** The pre qualifying questionnaire for the main contractor was procured through Public Contracts Scotland on 2<sup>nd</sup> June 2010. This procurement automatically notifies via OJEU

**3.4** Eighteen (18) returns were received on 5<sup>th</sup> July 2010 and following consultation between HEEDs and Clydebank Rebuilt 6 preferred tenderers were confirmed on 30<sup>th</sup> August 2010

**3.5** The tendering process for the main contractor is due to commence in March and will be managed by Clydebank Rebuilt.

- 3.6 The associated improvement works will be adopted and maintained by the Council following the completion of 1 year's liability period.

#### **4. Personnel Issues**

- 4.1 There are no personnel issues.

#### **5. Financial Implications**

- 5.1 An agreement has been reached between West Dunbartonshire Council, Scottish Enterprise and Clydebank Rebuilt for the procurement of these road improvement works. The works will be funded entirely through the grant contribution from Scottish Enterprise.
- 5.2 Future improvements to the transportation hub within Chalmers Street will be procured and supervised through Clydebank Rebuilt and funded directly by Strathclyde Partnership for Transport.
- 5.3 In accordance with HMRC regulations, the Council requires to demonstrate its role as the beneficiary in the procurement process.

#### **6 Risk Analysis**

- 6.1 Failure to continue with the ongoing procurement of the improvement works being undertaken on our behalf by Clydebank Rebuilt will restrict our opportunity to obtain the grant contribution from Scottish Enterprise.

#### **7. Equalities impact**

- 7.1 No significant issues were identified

#### **8. Conclusions and Recommendations**

- 8.1 The ongoing procurement process led by Clydebank Rebuilt will provide a competitive and transparent tendering process in compliance with West Dunbartonshire Council's tender best practice guidance.
- 8.2 The Committee is invited to approve collaborating with Scottish Enterprise and Clydebank Rebuilt to facilitate the continuing procurement of the various road improvement schemes on Hume Street, Alexander Street and Chalmers Street in a competitive tendering procedure in compliance with West Dunbartonshire Council's tender best practice guidance.

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**Appendices:** None

**Background Papers:** None

**Ward Affected:** 6