

Nottingham City Council Delegated Decision



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Subject:

Feasibility work for NET extensions

Total Value:

Up to £200,000 (Type: Capital)

Decision Being Taken:

To procure economic and technical feasibility work to assess potential extensions to the NET system, via a tendering process, and delegate authority to the Corporate Director of Development and Growth to award the contract to the most economically advantageous tender received.

Reasons for the Decision(s)

The NET System is a key part of the integrated public transport network in Nottingham, with over 17 million passenger journeys per year, and the Council is investigating extensions to the system, including to HS2 and potential development sites in Greater Nottingham.

As well as contributing to key Council objectives to grow the economy, reduce congestion and improve air quality, NET extensions will be a key part of the Metro Strategy, which by 2030 aims to drive the jobs and prosperity that will fuel the East Midlands as an engine for UK economic growth. A NET extension to and beyond the HS2 Hub at Toton is also considered essential to achieve the objectives of the HS2 Growth Strategy, which identifies the potential for 74,000 additional jobs and £4bn GVA uplift in the local area, with much of this benefit derived from well connected development in the immediate environment of the HS2 Station Hub.

Department for Transport (DfT) funding to develop and implement NET extensions will be sought through the Transforming Cities Fund (TCF) which was announced in March. Expressions of Interest (Eoi) for the Fund need to be submitted in June, and successful applicants will be selected later in the year to work with the DfT to co-develop a package of proposals.

In order to maximise the prospects of a successful bid, and based on feedback from previous bids, initial economic and technical work is required to assess the feasibility of potential NET extensions and to ensure they are ready to move to Outline Business Case (OBC) preparation when packages of proposals are agreed with DfT later this year.

The economic feasibility work will utilise the recently created multi-modal transport model covering Nottingham and Derby and will undertake initial assessments of route options based on the Treasury Green Book approach. There is also a need for limited technical work to identify potential route alignments. Both elements of work will be procured in accordance with financial regulations.

Other Options Considered:

Not progressing with this work - Option rejected as it risks that the economic benefits of high quality transport links, and the benefits from developments at HS2 and in the Greater Nottingham area, are not realised. The success of a number of sites, including the HS2 East Midlands Hub, are dependent on achieving high levels of connectivity to key population and employment centres.

Background Papers:

None.

Published Works:

None.

Affected Wards:

Citywide

Colleague / Councillor Interests:

None.

Any Information Exempt from publication:

Yes

Exempt Information:

Description of what is exempt:

Financial information.

An appendix (or appendices) to this decision is exempt from publication under the following paragraph(s) of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972

3 - Information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the authority holding that information).

The public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighs the public interest in disclosing the information because it relates to the financial or business affairs of the Council and publishing the information could harm negotiations.

Documents exempt from publication:

Exempt Finance advice.docx

Use of Consultants

Number of Days:0
Rate per Day:0
Total value:0
Start date:02/08/2018
End date:30/10/2018

Reason for using a consultant:

Note: 'number of days' and 'rate per day' are contained in an exempt appendix.
The work requires significant technical knowledge and the skills required to undertake the work are not available within the Council.

Other options considered:

The work cannot be progressed without the use of consultants. Not progressing with the work risks that the economic benefits of high quality transport links, and the benefits from developments in the Greater Nottingham area and at HS2 are not realised.

Name of consultant:

Not yet selected - subject to a tender process.

Reason for selection?

n/a

Has the consultant previously completed work for the City Council?

n/a

Specific activities to be undertaken by the consultant are:

Activities will include the following;

Initial route identification, reviewing key constraints and opportunities.
Route option development, concept designs and plans.
Undertake option appraisals including consideration of high level capital costs; highway and traffic impacts; structures; journey times and operational reliability; environmental and land impacts.
Prepare Strategic, Economic, Commercial, Financial and Management cases for potential NET extensions (The 'Five Cases').

Period of engagement:

Three months

By what process was the consultant selected?

The consultant will be selected following a tendering process.

Consultations:

Those not consulted are not directly affected by the decision.

Crime and Disorder Implications:

The work will ensure that scheme designs for transport improvements place a high priority on personal safety and improving the quality of life for communities and citizens.

Equality:

EIA not required. Reasons: An EIA is not required because the work activity will consider equality issues, addressing social issues with inequalities and low car ownership remaining in the Study area. The work will in particular focus on improved travel to work options to nexisting and proposed employment sites, and improved public transport to main centres of work, leisure, shopping and access to key facilities.

Social Value Considerations:

The NET System provides direct access to the City Centre, Nottingham railway station and other key employment, health and education facilities, significantly increasing accessibility to these key facilities.
The system serves some of the most deprived neighbourhoods in the city, and the NET system has expanded catchment areas for employment and key facilities from these areas. NET has facilitated a wider range of potentially better employment opportunities for many employees, and it will also encourage inward investment thereby increasing the range of opportunities available to local people.
The NET system is fully accessible to people with disabilities, with all trams 100% low floor throughout and with level boarding at all stops. There is evidence that the NET System has expanded work catchments and increased the quality of life for mobility impaired users.

Relates to staffing:	Yes
Decision Type:	Portfolio Holder
Subject to Call In:	Yes
Call In Expiry date:	20/07/2018
Advice Sought:	Legal, Finance, Procurement, Human Resources
Legal Advice:	<p>This report does not raise significant legal issues. The Legal team will assist as necessary with contracts to appoint consultants and where agreements may be required to document financial contributions agreed with other councils and partners.</p> <p>Advice provided by Andrew James (Team Leader Contracts and Commercial) on 22/05/2018</p>
Finance Advice:	<p>This advice is exempt from publication and is contained within an exempt appendix.</p> <p>Advice provided by Tom Straw (Senior Accountant, Capital Programmes) on 27/06/2018</p>
Procurement Advice:	<p>Procurement colleagues will assist with the tendering exercise to ensure that a fully compliant value for money contract is entered into.</p> <p>Advice provided by Paul Ritchie (Lead Procurement Officer) on 17/05/2018</p>
HR Advice:	<p>The Council does not directly employ staff with the relevant technical knowledge and the skills. The proposal to engage consultants due to the timeframes and specialist nature of the work is therefore supported.</p> <p>Advice provided by Joanne Hill (Service Redesign Consultant) on 21/05/2018</p>
Signatures:	<p>Jon Collins (Leader of the Council)</p> <p>SIGNED and Dated: 12/07/2018</p> <p>Dave Liversidge (Portfolio Holder for Transport and HR)</p> <p>SIGNED and Dated: 12/07/2018</p> <p>David Bishop (Deputy CE, CD for Development and Growth)</p> <p>SIGNED and Dated: 12/07/2018</p>