

**Report To:** Environment & Regeneration  
Committee

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**Report By:** Corporate Director Environment,  
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**Subject:** Bus Access Improvements - Chapleton Bridge, Port Glasgow  
Delegated Authority for Contract Award

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## 1.0 PURPOSE

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to seek approval to grant delegated authority to the Head of Legal & Property Services to accept a tender for Bus Access Improvements - Chapleton Bridge, Port Glasgow.

## 2.0 SUMMARY

- 2.1 Grant funding of £650,000 for Bus Access Improvements - Chapleton Bridge, Port Glasgow has been awarded by SPT for 2018/19, with a condition that all expenditure is completed before April 2019, and £50,000 from RAMP capital structures.
- 2.2 It is proposed to widen the existing deck via the construction of a new bridge deck, through one external contract advertised via Public Contracts Scotland. The estimated tender value is £700,000. The tender will be advertised as a Works contract. Contract Standing Order 9.2(ii) states that Committee must approve acceptance of tenders that exceed £500,000. The tender period is provisionally programmed for July 2018 and the estimated award date is August 2018.
- 2.3 With the desire to permit the earliest possible site start to ensure completion within 2018/19 and to allow full draw down of the grant, anticipated start date to be October 2018, it is therefore requested that the Committee delegate authority to the Head of Legal & Property Services to accept the most economically advantageous tender on behalf of the Council.

## 3.0 RECOMMENDATIONS

- 3.1 It is recommended that the Committee approve the issue of tenders for Bus Access Improvements - Chapleton Bridge, Port Glasgow and grant delegated authority to the Head of Legal & Property Services to accept the most economically advantageous tender provided the cost is within the budget allocation for the project.

**Willie Rennie**  
**Acting Head of Environmental and Commercial Services**

## 4.0 BACKGROUND

- 4.1 Grant funding of £650,000 for Bus Access Improvements - Chapleton Bridge, Port Glasgow has been awarded by SPT for 2018/19, with a condition that all expenditure is completed before April 2019, and £50,000 from RAMP capital structures.
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## 5.0 PROPOSALS

- 5.1 The tender for Bus Access Improvements - Chapleton Bridge, Port Glasgow, will be advertised in July 2018.
- 5.2 It is proposed that, in order to proceed to award the contract with an estimated date of August 2018 and to ensure completion within 2018/19, to allow full draw down of the grant, delegated authority for this be granted to the Head of Legal & Property Services.

## 6.0 IMPLICATIONS

### 6.1 Finance:

Effective, full and timely use of SPT funding for 2018/19 is likely to be impacted if the contract award is delayed pending approval to accept the most economically advantageous tender being granted by the Environment & Regeneration Committee at its meeting in August 2018.

#### One off Costs

Cost Centre	Budget Heading	Budget Years	Proposed spend this report (£000s)	Virement from	Other comments
SPT	Bus Route Access Improvements - Chapleton Bridge	2018/19	£700k	n/a	

#### Annually Recurring Costs/ (Savings)

Cost Centre	Budget Heading	With Effect from	Annual Net Impact £000	Virement From (If Applicable)	Other Comments
N/A					

### Legal

- 6.2 There are no legal implications arising from this report.

## **Human Resources**

6.3 There are no specific HR implications arising from this report.

## **Equalities**

6.4 As this report does not involve a new policy or a new strategy, there are no equalities issues arising.

## **Repopulation**

6.5 The improvement in the access to the road network will assist the encouragement of inward investment and improve road safety.

## **7.0 CONSULTATIONS**

7.1 The Chief Financial Officer, Head of Legal & Property Services, and the Corporate Procurement Manager have been consulted on the contents of this report.

## **8.0 LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS**

8.1 None.