

Report To: Safe, Sustainable Communities Committee **Date:** 25 October 2011

Report By: Corporate Director Regeneration & Environment **Report No:** SSC/ENV/IM/11.99

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Subject: **SPT Funding Grant - (1) Port Glasgow Bus Station; and (2) Highholm Avenue Park and Ride**

1.0 PURPOSE

1.1 The purpose of this report is to advise Committee of the progress on the above projects and to seek approval to accept grant funding from Strathclyde Partnership for Transport (SPT) for the management and execution of the projects by Environmental and Commercial Services.

2.0 SUMMARY

2.1 As part of SPT's Committee approved capital projects the revamping of Port Glasgow Bus Station and the establishment of a Park and Ride site at the former Highholm Primary School are currently at an early design stage with the preparation of contract documentation to follow shortly thereafter.

2.2 SPT have offered early funding for the execution of these projects through grant funding arrangements thereby allowing the Council to manage and appoint contractors to carry out this work.

2.3 Funding approval is dependent of the Council agreeing to commence this work within the current financial year.

2.4 The overall budget for both of these projects is up to £1.6 million which includes preconstruction costs including design etc.

3.0 RECOMMENDATIONS

3.1 Committee is asked to note the progress on these projects.

3.2 Committee is asked to approve acceptance of grant funding for these projects on the condition that work will commence during the current financial year.

3.3 Committee is asked to delegate authority to the Head of Environmental and Commercial Services to go out to competitive tender and accept the most economically advantageous tender provided within the budget.

Ian Moffat
Head of Environmental and Commercial Services

4.0 BACKGROUND

- 4.1 As part of SPT's Committee approved capital projects the revamping of Port Glasgow Bus Station and the establishment of a Park and Ride site at the former Highholm Primary School are currently at an early design stage with the preparation of contract documentation to follow shortly thereafter.
- 4.2 The construction element of these projects is programmed to be funded in 2012/13 however SPT have advised that it is possible that this may be brought forward provided the Council can undertake these works during the current financial year.
- 4.3 Subject to 4.2 above funding for these projects would be through a grant funding arrangement.
- 4.4 By agreeing to 4.2 above the Council will undertake to manage and execute the construction element of these projects.
- 4.5 The overall budget for these projects is up to £1.6million which includes preconstruction costs such as the design element.

5.0 PROPOSALS

- 5.1 It is proposed that the Council accept the offer of grant for the revamping of Port Glasgow Bus Station and the establishment of a Park and Ride site at the former Highholm Primary School. Subject to Committee approval to accept grant funding for the above projects the Head of Environmental and Commercial Services has confirmed that the Service can manage and commence the construction element of Port Glasgow Bus Station and the Highholm Avenue Park and Ride project with completion within one year thereafter.

6.0 CONSULTATION

- 6.1 The Chief Financial Officer has been consulted on this report.
- 6.2 The Head of Legal and Democratic Services has been consulted on this report.
- 6.3 There are no Personnel issues associated with this report therefore the Head of Organisational Development and Human Resources has not been consulted on this report.

7.0 IMPLICATIONS

7.1 Financial

Financial Implications - One Off Costs

There are no financial implications associated with these projects as all funding will be provided by SPT in the form of grant funding.

Cognisance will need to be taken with regards to the VAT implications and liabilities particularly with regards to the Port Glasgow Bus Station project where the assets are not owned by the Council. All VAT liabilities will be contained within the budget.

Cost Centre	Budget Heading	Budget Year	Proposed Spend this report	Virement From	Other Comments
Port Glasgow Bus Station Park'n Ride			Up to £1.1 million Up to 0.5 million	N/A	Grant funding from SPT

Financial Implications - Annually Recurring Costs / Savings

There will be revenue implications of maintaining the assets created/improved and these are being quantified and will be reported to a future meeting of the Committee. Clarity will be needed as to where the liability for these costs lies in the short and longer term.

Cost Centre	Budget Heading	With Effect from	Annual Net Impact	Virement From (if applicable)	Other Comments
Roads and Environmental Infrastructure*	To be identified	To be identified	To be identified	To be identified	

7.2 Legal

There are no Legal implications associated with these projects.

7.3 Equalities

The project design team will consider all equality issues associated with these types of projects.