

Report To: Safe, Sustainable Communities Committee **Date:** 6 March 2012
Report By: Corporate Director Regeneration & Environment **Report No:** SC/ENV/IM/11.113
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Subject: Approval to issue invitations to tender for Port Glasgow Bus Station Improvements Contract to a value of more than £250,000

1.0 PURPOSE

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to seek approval from Committee to issue invitations to tender for the Port Glasgow Bus Station Improvement works to a value in excess of £250,000, as required by Inverclyde Council's Standing Orders Relating to Contracts, 24 February 2011.

2.0 SUMMARY

- 2.1 It was reported to Committee in May 2011 that Strathclyde Partnership for Transport had approved a capital allocation of £150,000 for improvements to Port Glasgow Bus Station and that the project would be executed by SPT.
- 2.2 Subsequent to discussions between the Council and SPT at its Liaison Meeting last year, the SPT 2011/12 Capital Programme was amended to allocate £650,000 for improvements to Port Glasgow Bus Station which will now be executed by Inverclyde Council. The amendments were approved at SPT's Strategy and Programmes Committee of 27th January 2012.
- 2.3 SPT undertook a prequalification exercise in December 2011 and the Council and SPT are now arranging for the handover of the prequalification evaluations, contract documents and drawings in preparation for issuing invitations to tender to the prequalified contractors.
- 2.4 The current estimated value of the works is £558,187 and is therefore greater than the Standing Orders £250,000 threshold requiring Committee approval to issue invitations to tender.

3.0 RECOMMENDATIONS

- 3.1 That approval is given to issue invitations to tender for the Port Glasgow Bus Station Improvements Contract.
- 3.2 That approval is given to award the work to the most economically advantageous compliant tender, when received.
- 3.3 That Committee delegate authority to the Head of Environmental and Commercial Services to appoint URS, Consultant Engineers, who designed the project, in order to respond to contractor queries and make design changes during the course of the contract where necessary. The cost of this appointment will be contained within the project funding provided by SPT.

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4.0 BACKGROUND

- 4.1 At its meeting of the full Partnership on 15 April 2011 Strathclyde Partnership for Transport approved Capital funding of £150,000 for Port Glasgow Bus Station improvements.
- 4.2 At SPT's Strategy and Programmes Committee of 27th January 2012, the opportunity arose to accelerate capital spend on this project during 2011/12. Projected costs in 2011/12 were estimated at £650,000.
- 4.3 The SPT Partnership gave approval on 10th February and a Grant Fund Letter is currently awaited.
- 4.4 SPT undertook the contractor prequalification process and invited the Council to evaluate submissions alongside officers of SPT. The evaluation was completed in January 2012.
- 4.5 SPT employed URS, Consultant Engineers, to design the improvements and prepare the contract documents. After consultation with Council officers, these documents are now complete and in the process of being handed over to the Council for tender purposes.
- 4.5 It is recognised by SPT that timescales are tight to begin the works in 2011/12. SPT has therefore granted permission to spend in 2012/13.

5.0 PROPOSALS

- 5.1 Subject to approval, it is proposed to issue invitations to tender for the Port Glasgow Bus Station Improvements Contract to the prequalified contractors.

6.0 IMPLICATIONS

- 6.1 Completion of the project to programme and budget now lies with Inverclyde Council.
- 6.2 Legal advice will be sought in terms of the wording of any handover document from SPT to the Council.

7.0 CONSULTATION

- 7.1 Finance Services have been consulted on this report.

Cost Centre	Budget Heading	Proposed spend this report	Virement from	Other comments
Roads Capital Programme	Bus Station Improvements	£650,000	n/a	Spend 2012/13
	SPT Grant Funding	(£650,000)		

- 7.2 Legal Services have been consulted on this report.

8.0 EQUALITY

- 8.1 This report has no impact on the Council's Equality Agenda.