

SLOUGH BOROUGH COUNCIL

REPORT TO: Cabinet **DATE:** 21st January 2019

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PART I **NON-KEY DECISION**

CONTRACT IN EXCESS OF £250,000 – BUS SERVICES

1 Purpose of Report

To advise the Cabinet of an additional contract of an estimated value of over £250,000, that is proposed to commence tendering prior to the next meeting of the Cabinet. This is in addition to those that were notified to Cabinet in April 2018.

2 Recommendation(s)/Proposed Action

The Cabinet is requested to resolve that the commencement of tendering for supported passenger transport contracts be approved.

3 Slough Joint Wellbeing Strategy Priorities

This report being entirely administrative in nature does not directly contribute to the SJWS priorities. However the contracts listed in the appendix will contribute to all of the priorities.

4 Joint Strategic Needs Assessment (JSNA)

The JSNA will be considered at the time of letting each contract.

5 Other Implications

(a) Financial

The contract set out is included in approved budgets. Officer delegations authorise Directors to approve expenditure within approved capital budgets and decisions on work programmes within those budgets. Authority to approve additional expenditure up to either 10% or £25,000, whichever is the lower of the total cost of the capital scheme subject to the annual capital payments of the additional expenditure not exceeding the annual amounts included within the capital programme by more than wither 10% or £25,000 whichever is the lowest.

(b) Risk Management

There are no specific issues arising directly from this report.

(c) Human Rights Act and Other Legal Implications

There are no implications arising under the Human Rights Act 1998 in connection with this Report.

The proposed procurement will need to be carried out in compliance with Section 89, 90 and 91 of The Transport 1985 and the Service Subsidy Agreements (Tendering) (England) Amendment Regulations 2004.

The proposed procurement will also need to comply with the Public Contracts Regulations 2015.

Care will also need to be exercised in connection with the proposed procurement to ensure that EU rules on State Aid are not breached as a consequence of the procurement.

All contracts are let in accordance with the Council's agreed Contract Procedure Rules.

(d) Equalities Impact Assessment

This report being entirely administrative in nature and is not therefore applicable to the Equalities Impact Assessment (EIA). EIA's will be fully considered at the time that a contract is let.

(e) Workforce - None.

6 **Supporting Information**

Council's Constitution

Subject to consultations with the Director of Finance & Resources in respect of the acceptance of any tender exceeding £100,000, Directors are authorised to make all decisions on the approval of the select lists of tendered, the invitation, evaluation and acceptance of quotations and tenders and the entering into contracts or agreements for the supply of goods, equipments, materials or services subject to:-

- (a) The intention to tender or enter into a contract of a value exceeding £250,000 having been previously reported and approved by the Cabinet or the appropriate Committee of the Council.
- (b) Exemptions to competitive tendering being reported for information to the Cabinet or the appropriate Committee of the Council.
- (c) Any special requirements or directions given by the Council, its Committees or the Cabinet.

Bus Services

Since First's bus service withdrawals in January 2018, Reading Transport Ltd (RTL) have provided three bus services under emergency provisions with Slough Borough Council.

RTL registered daytime services on part of route 5 between Moor Furlong and Slough Town Centre commercially from October 2018. This leaves early morning, evening and Sunday services, and Cabinet is asked to note that SBC officers have negotiated provision of these under a 'de minimis' arrangement for £89,850 per annum for a two-year period. RTL are unable to provide any part of the other two routes (route 4, evenings and route 6, Sundays) on a commercial basis, and Cabinet is asked to instruct SBC officers to procure these by means of competitive tender at an expected cost to Slough Borough Council of around £70,000 per annum, with a contract length of 5 years.

7 **Comments of Other Committees**

None.

8 **Conclusion**

The Cabinet is requested to approve the commencement of tendering for with an estimated value of over £250,000, that is proposed to begin prior to the next meeting of the Cabinet.

9 **Appendices**

None