

Finance and Resources Committee

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Roseburn to Union Canal – Approval for Stage 2 of Consultancy Contract

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Executive summary

The Council is undertaking a study into a new cycle path linking Roseburn to the Union Canal. The study will involve all work necessary to take the project forward to a stage where tenders for construction could be issued. It is intended that this work will be undertaken in three separate stages.

The Council has commissioned WSP to undertake the initial stage of study. Details of the contract for this were included in the Business Bulletin to Finance and Resources Committee on 19 March 2015.

As awarded, the contract covers the following work:

- preliminary project justification appraisal;
- investigation works including topographical survey, environmental assessment, initial geotechnical and structural survey work; and
- detailed feasibility design work.

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Coalition pledges	P44 , P45
Council outcomes	CO19 , CO22
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Recommendations

- 1.1 It is recommended that Committee approves the appointment of WSP UK Ltd to undertake Stage 2 of the consultancy contract for the Roseburn to Union Canal study.

Background

- 2.1 On 19 March 2015, the Finance and Resources Committee noted the appointment of consultancy services for the development of the Roseburn to Union Canal Cycle path.
- 2.2 Given the technical complexity of the project, its potential level of impact on cycling in Edinburgh and the significant anticipated cost of measures being considered, it was important to ensure that the study methodology would be suitably robust and that the key consultancy staff involved would have the appropriate skills and experience. It was therefore considered appropriate to invite tenders on a quality/price basis, using a ratio of 70% quality and 30% price.
- 2.3 A contract for the first stage of the study was awarded to WSP UK Ltd. The value of the contract was £146,991.92. This involved the following work:
- preliminary project justification appraisal;
 - investigation works including topographical survey, environmental assessment, initial geotechnical and structural survey work; and
 - detailed feasibility design work.
- 2.4 The contract includes the facility to carry out further work in stages to take the project forward to the point where tenders for construction could be issued. All tenderers submitted prices to undertake this additional work.
- 2.5 The award of these later stages would be dependent on planning permission and successful bids for external funding.

Main report

- 3.1 Approval is now sought to appoint WSP UK Ltd to carry out the second stage of the study, which would complete the preliminary design for the cycle path and surrounding green spaces.
- 3.2 In addition to submitting the most economically advantageous tender for the whole study, WSP UK Ltd also submitted the most economically advantageous tender for Stage 2. The value of the second stage of the study is £140,329.45. A sum of £70,164.73 has been set aside from the Council's Cycling Capital budget in 2015/16 for this work. This will be match funded by £70,164.72 awarded from Sustrans "Community Links" 2015/16 fund.
- 3.3 This stage of the study involves the following work:
- Geotechnical survey and structural survey work;
 - Detailed preliminary design work for the cycle path and surrounding green space;
 - Planning engagement and application; and
 - Stakeholder and public engagement and consultation.
- 3.4 The advantages to the Council in procuring the same consultant for the next stage of the study are:
- WSP UK Ltd submitted the most economically advantageous tender for the second stage during the procurement process for the whole study;
 - a saving in staff time and costs due to not having to undertake another procurement process;
 - consistency of works arising from the same consultant undertaking the next stage; and
 - the Council is satisfied with the quality of work undertaken to date on the first stage.
- 3.5 Prior to committing to the final stage of the study, additional funding would have to be identified. This would be expected to be sourced from within Transport's future Capital Investment Programme and from further bids to external funding sources, such as the Sustrans "Community Links" fund or the Scottish Natural Heritage Green Infrastructure Bid. The outputs from the study work already undertaken will assist in the preparation of these bids.
- 3.6 Further approval would also be sought from Committee prior to proceeding with the final stage of the contract to complete the study.

3.7 If taken forward the final stage of the contract would involve:

- Completion of the detailed design drawings; and
- Preparation of the tender documents to allow the project to be tendered.

Measures of success

4.1 The measure of success for this stage of the contract will be a completed preliminary design, with full planning permission, which could be used to support bids for external funding contributions towards the final stage of the study.

Financial impact

5.1 The value of the second stage of the study is £140,329.45. A sum of £70,164.73 has been set aside from the Council's Cycling Capital budget in 2015/16 for this work. This will be match funded by £70,164.72 awarded from Sustrans "Community Links" 2015/16 fund.

Risk, policy, compliance and governance impact

- 6.1 The recommendation in this report does not impact on any existing policies of the Council.
- 6.2 There are not expected to be any health and safety, governance, compliance or regulatory implications arising from this report

Equalities impact

- 7.1 An Equalities and Rights Impact Assessment (ERIA) for the Roseburn to Union Canal cycle path commenced during Stage 1 of the study and will be in effect throughout its delivery.
- 7.2 It is likely that potential introduction of new cycle and pedestrian facilities will have a positive impact on the safety, freedom of movement and access for all who use the path and all who live in or use the surrounding areas. This takes into account many people whose characteristics are protected under the Equalities Act 2010.

Sustainability impact

- 8.1 The impacts of the Roseburn to Union Canal cycle path in relation to the three elements of the Climate Change (Scotland) Act 2009 Public Bodies Duties have been considered, and the outcomes are summarised below. Relevant Council sustainable development policies have been taken into account and are noted at Background Reading later in this report.
- 8.2 The proposals included in the project will reduce carbon emissions by contributing towards the core objectives of the Council's Active Travel Action Plan to increase the number of people walking and cycling in Edinburgh.
- 8.3 The proposals included in the project will increase the city's resilience to climate change impacts by providing more opportunities for sustainable travel through improvements to walking and cycling infrastructure.
- 8.4 The proposals included in the project will help achieve a sustainable Edinburgh by delivering environmental improvements which will benefit all users of the proposed path and surrounding areas.

Consultation and engagement

- 9.1 Consultation will be undertaken for the Roseburn to Union Canal cycle path during this stage of the project, including a major public and stakeholder consultation and engagement process to be undertaken between June and November 2015 on the preliminary design for the cycle path and surrounding green space areas. This will include stakeholder workshops, an online survey and community drop in events.
- 9.2 A dedicated Roseburn to Union Canal path webpage is in place and is regularly updated to provide information on the proposals.

Background reading/external references

Roseburn to Union Canal Cycle Path Study – Business Bulletin to Finance and Resources Committee Thursday 19 March 2015

Development of Major Cycling and Walking Projects – Implementation Plan – Report to the Transport and Environment Committee by the Acting Director of Services for Communities – 3 June 2014

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Links

Coalition pledges	P44 - Prioritise keeping our streets clean and attractive P45 – Spend 5% of the transport budget on provision for cyclists
Council outcomes	CO19 – Attractive Places and Well-Maintained – Edinburgh remains an attractive city through the development of high quality buildings and places and the delivery of high standards and maintenance of infrastructure and public realm. CO22 - Moving Efficiently – Edinburgh has a transport system that improves connectivity and is green, healthy and accessible
Single Outcome Agreement	SO4 - Edinburgh’s communities are safer and have improved physical and social fabric
Appendices	N/A

Roseburn to Union Canal – Tender Evaluation

	WSP UK Ltd	Tenderer 1	Tenderer 3
Full Tender			
Quality Score (70%)	66.5	63.0	40.3
Price Score (30%)	17.2	15.1	30.0
Overall Score Total Tender	83.7	78.1	70.3
Placing	1	2	3