



Report to Chief Officer Highways and Transportation

Date: 08/06/2016

Subject: Temple Green Park & Ride Grant Agreement

Are specific electoral Wards affected? If relevant, name(s) of Ward(s): Burmantofts & Richmond Hill, City & Hunslet	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
Are there implications for equality and diversity and cohesion and integration?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
Is the decision eligible for Call-In?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
Does the report contain confidential or exempt information? If relevant, Access to Information Procedure Rule number: Appendix number:	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No

Summary of main issues

1. This scheme fits with the Best Council Plan strategic aims to promote sustainable and inclusive economic growth by improving the efficiency of the transport system in Leeds. Reducing congestion and transport emissions in the city centre increases the possibilities of the breakthrough projects, 'rethinking the city centre' and 'cutting carbon in Leeds'.
2. In July 2015 Executive Board approved the delivery of the Temple Green Park & Ride project subject to funding approval from West Yorkshire Combined Authority (WYCA). This will be considered on 23rd June 2016 and the contract will be awarded following this decision
3. WYCA and LCC have drafted a grant agreement which sets out the terms and conditions for the funding.

Recommendations

4. The Chief Officer (Highways and Transportation) is asked to approve the entering into a grant agreement with WYCA for funding of £8.863m plus a QRA allowance of £733,000 to deliver Temple Green Park & Ride scheme.

1 Purpose of this report

- 1.1 This report sets out the detail of a grant agreement with WYCA to fund the Temple Green Park & Ride Project which was approved by Executive Board in July 2015.

2 Background information

- 2.1 In July 2015 Executive Board approved the delivery of the Temple Green Park & Ride project subject to funding approval from West Yorkshire Combined Authority (WYCA).
- 2.2 Gateway 3 or Implementation Approval was recommended by WYCA Investment Committee on 6th of June. Formal approval will be considered by the Combined Authority on 23rd June.
- 2.3 Approval to tender Temple Green Park & Ride was approved by the Chief Officer (Highways & Transportation) on 6th November 2015. A tender was procured through the YorCivils Framework and tenders were returned on 3rd February 2016 and a preferred contractor has been selected.

3 Main Considerations and Reasons for Contract Award

- 3.1 In order to administer WYTF funding WYCA require scheme promoters to enter a grant agreement for each project. WYCA and LCC legal, finance and transport planning teams have drafted a grant agreement for this scheme attached at Appendix A.
- 3.2 The key elements of the agreement are:
- The grant will be paid retrospectively on a quarterly basis.
 - There are two parts to the funding, the main grant amount to cover the project cost plus and a Quantified Risk Allowance (QRA) for those items identified within the project risk register.
 - The grant does not cover any maintenance liabilities, operating costs or other whole life costs of the Project following completion.

4 Corporate Considerations

4.1 Consultation and Engagement

- 4.1.1 A Park & Ride site has been included in the Area Action Plan from an early stage and formal consultation on this document has been undertaken at various stages of its development, most recently in 2011.
- 4.1.2 Specific consultation on the Park & Ride proposal was undertaken during the planning application process in summer 2014. A further round of consultation was undertaken in June/July 2015 prior to the Executive Board decision focusing on potential users in the city centre and Aire Valley businesses.
- 4.1.3 Highways England were initially consulted on the proposals and were supportive of the principle of Park & Ride in this location. Subsequently further details of the proposal were presented in the Transport Assessment.

4.2 Equality and Diversity / Cohesion and Integration

- 4.2.1 An Equality, Diversity, Cohesion and Integration Screening was carried for the Exec Board decision on the proposals and determined there in no adverse impact and that an impact assessment was not required.

4.3 Council Policies and City Priorities

- 4.3.1 This scheme fits with the Best Council Plan strategic aims to promote sustainable and inclusive economic growth by improving the efficiency of the transport system in Leeds. Increasing park & ride use reduces the demand for city centre parking and allows more economically efficient use of city centre land. Reducing congestion and transport emissions in the city centre increases the possibilities of the breakthrough projects, 'rethinking the city centre' and 'cutting carbon in Leeds'.

4.4 Resources and Value for Money

- 4.4.1 The grant agreement with WYCA allocates funding of £8.863m plus a QRA allowance of £733,000 to deliver Temple Green Park & Ride scheme as set out in the Gateway 3 Business Case.

4.5 Legal Implications, Access to Information and Call In

- 4.5.1 The grant agreement has been drafted by WYCA and LCC legal teams.

4.6 Risk Management

- 4.6.1 A quantified risk assessment has been undertaken as part of the Gateway 3 business case and a risk register has been used throughout the project development.
- 4.6.2 The key risk centres on the demand for the service and the implications on funding the bus service. The operator of the bus service will take the revenue risk on the operating cost of the service, apart from in year 1 where a revenue guarantee has been included in the contract with WYCA.
- 4.6.3 The demand forecasts based on experience at Elland Road and York suggest a commercial service is likely. However, there is a need to ensure the pricing is competitive, strong marketing and promotion occurs and service quality is maintained. The Project Board consisting LCC, WYCA and bus operator representatives will continue to oversee the operation post opening.

5 Conclusions

- 5.1 By entering the Grant Agreement with WYCA, LCC will have certainty of the conditions of the funding for this project.

6 Recommendations

- 6.1 The Chief Officer (Highways and Transportation) is asked to approve the entering into a grant agreement with WYCA for funding of £8.863m plus a QRA allowance of £733,000 to deliver Temple Green Park & Ride scheme.

7 Background documents¹

¹ The background documents listed in this section are available to download from the Council's website, unless they contain confidential or exempt information. The list of background documents does not include

7.1 None

Appendix A Temple Green Park & Ride Grant Agreement