

Call in of Cabinet Decision regarding the Award of A628 Dodworth Road/Broadway Junction Main Civil Works Contract (Cab.07.10.2020/11)

1.0 Introduction

- 1.1 This report provides Members with the necessary information required to consider the call-in request (Item 3b-attached) received in relation to BMBC Cabinet decision Cab.07.10.2020/11 regarding the Award of A628 Dodworth Road/Broadway Junction Main Civil Works Contract.
- 1.2 In accordance with the BMBC procedure for the call-in of cabinet decisions, the requisite number of appropriate Members supported this call-in request ahead of the statutory deadline in relation to the BMBC Cabinet meeting held on 7th October 2020.
- 1.3 The Chair of the Scrutiny Committee has exercised their right to seek an urgent meeting of the Full Committee to deal with this matter and in recognising the public's current interest.

2.0 Background

- 2.1 The purpose of the report received by BMBC Cabinet on 7th October 2020 (Item 3c-attached) was to provide them with an update on the progress of the delivery of the approved A628 Dodworth Road / Broadway Junction Improvement Scheme (Cab.25.07.2018/15). Also, to seek approval to award the main civil works contract whilst noting the financial implications, as well as seek additional funding required to support the delivery of the contract and cost increases arising since the inception of the contract.
- 2.2 The decision taken at the Cabinet meeting of 7th October 2020 is presented in the minutes from the meeting at item 3d to this report. The decision was that Cabinet agreed to the awarding of the civil works contract and release of the addition funding required.

3.0 Call-In Position

- 3.1 The proposition of the Members who have requested this decision be called-in suggest that further consideration needs to be given to the financial aspects of the programme and the effects of Covid-19 on traffic patterns.
- 3.2 The formal call-in request, containing the reasons in support of the proposition to call-in the decision and alternate options presented for consideration is presented at Item 3b (attached).

4.0 Invited Witnesses

- 4.1 The following experts have been invited to today's meeting to answer questions from the committee:
- Councillor Tim Cheetham, Cabinet Spokesperson - Place (Regeneration and Culture)
 - Matt Gladstone, Executive Director - Place
 - Rachel Allington - Major Projects Group Leader
 - Ian Wilson, Group Manager - Highways and Engineering
 - Andrew Jones, Principal Engineer - Highway Design
 - Mark Bell, Strategic Finance Manager
 - Joe Jenkinson, Head of Planning, Policy & Building Control

5.0 Possible Outcomes

- 5.1 If the Scrutiny Committee supports the Cabinet's original decision, this decision stands and can be implemented from the date of the Scrutiny Committee concerned.
- 5.2 If the Scrutiny Committee supports the Members' request it can:
- (i) Refer the matter back to cabinet with a recommendation for an alternate solution
 - (ii) Refer the matter to the Full Council for debate at its next available meeting, which may agree to refer the matter back to Cabinet for reconsideration.

6.0 Background Papers and Useful Links

- Item 3b (attached) - Call-in request form regarding Cab.07.10.2020/11
- Item 3c (attached) - Redacted Cabinet Report regarding the 'Award of A628 Dodworth Road/Broadway Junction Main Civil Works Contract' (Cab.7.10.2020/11)
- Item 3d (attached) – Minutes extract from the Cabinet Meeting held on 7th October 2020
- A628 Dodworth Road / Broadway Junction Improvement approved Cabinet report (Cab.25.07.2018/15): Restricted Item by virtue of paragraph 5 section 12A of the Local Government Act 1972 (legal proceedings)
- A628 Dodworth Road / Broadway Junction Improvement Planning Application Reference: 2018/0965:
<https://barnsleymbc.moderngov.co.uk/ieListDocuments.aspx?CId=136&MID=5296>
- Appropriation of Land at Penny Pie Park for Highway Purposes approved Cabinet Report (Cab.10.07.2019/6):
<https://barnsleymbc.moderngov.co.uk/documents/g5765/Public%20reports%20pack%2010th-Jul-2019%2010.00%20Cabinet.pdf?T=10>

7.0 Officer Contact

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