

**North Yorkshire County Council**  
**Business and Environmental Services**

**Executive Members**

**26 March 2021**

**Transforming Cities Fund Delivery Contract**

**Report of the Assistant Director – Highways & Transportation**

<b>1.0 Purpose of report</b>
1.1 To seek approval from the Corporate Director of Business and Environmental Services (BES) in consultation with BES Executive Members to procure contracts for the delivery of the Transforming Cities Fund programme in Skipton, Harrogate & Selby.

**2.0 Background**

2.1 £1.28bn (capital funding) was made available to city regions to bid for schemes to be delivered by 31 March 2023 through the Department for Transport's (DfT) Transforming Cities Fund (TCF). Leeds City Region has been successful in securing £317m of funding.

2.2 The aim of TCF is to 'drive up productivity through improved connections between urban centres and suburbs' with a focus on investment 'in infrastructure to improve public and sustainable transport connectivity'.

2.3 As part of the successful Leeds City Region bid, North Yorkshire County Council is leading on delivery of the programme within North Yorkshire with our partners at Skipton and Selby District Councils and Harrogate Borough Council, under a funding agreement with the West Yorkshire Combined Authority (WYCA).

2.4 Design for the scheme packages is being undertaken by WSP under the existing Highway Engineering Design & Consultancy Contract with the aim of commencing scheme construction on the first sites in spring 2022.

2.5 Construction partners are required to deliver the schemes in the construction phase in addition to providing Early Contractor Involvement during the detailed design phase. There is a requirement for the Council to procure these partners to ensure successful delivery.

**3.0 Financial implications**

3.1 The anticipated total expenditure is £36.8m

3.2 The Council is contributing £300k along with contributions of £200k from Harrogate Borough Council, £100k from Craven District Council and £1.25m from Selby District Council. The remaining funding will be contributed by the West Yorkshire Combined Authority under the Transforming Cities fund.

#### **4.0 Equalities implications**

- 4.1 An Equalities Impact Assessment screening form is attached as Appendix 1. It is the view of Officers that the proposal will have no adverse equality impact on any of the protected characteristic groupings.

#### **5.0 Legal implications**

- 5.1 The proposal is to carry out an OJEU compliant procurement process in accordance with the Public Contracts Regulations 2015.

#### **6.0 Climate Change implications**

- 6.1 The proposed procurement exercise is in support of delivering three Transforming Cities Fund schemes in Skipton, Harrogate & Selby. It is anticipated that the detailed proposals at Skipton and Selby will be the subject of planning consent and in the case of Selby a full Environmental Impact Assessment, see Appendix 2.
- 6.2 In order to draw down funding for the schemes they are progressing through the West Yorkshire Combined Authority's assurance process which requires the production of detailed business cases and options appraisal supported by both environmental appraisal and climate change assessment. Designs are at a very early stage and these assessments will be ongoing throughout the design process.
- 6.3 A key aim of the schemes is to encourage travel using sustainable modes of transport with a resulting positive impact on climate change.

#### **7.0 Recommendation**

- 7.1 That the Corporate Director, BES, in consultation with the BES Executive Members, approves that the Council procures contractors for the delivery of the Transforming Cities Fund schemes.

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Assistant Director - Highways and Transportation

Author of Report: Aidan Rayner

Background documents: None

<b>Initial equality impact assessment screening form</b>			
This form records an equality screening process to determine the relevance of equality to a proposal, and a decision whether or not a full EIA would be appropriate or proportionate.			
Directorate	Business and Environmental Services		
Service area	Highways & Transportation		
Proposal being screened	Transforming Cities Fund Delivery Contact		
Officer(s) carrying out screening	Aidan Rayner		
What are you proposing to do?	The report is asking for approval to undertake a procurement exercise to put in place contractors to deliver the Transforming Cities Fund programme in North Yorkshire		
Why are you proposing this? What are the desired outcomes?	This is proposed to enable the successful delivery of proposals under the Transforming Cities Fund for Skipton, Harrogate and Selby		
Does the proposal involve a significant commitment or removal of resources? Please give details.	Whilst the anticipated contracted sum at £38.8m is significant, the contribution of the Council is £300k with the remainder provided by external funding		
<b>Impact on people with any of the following protected characteristics as defined by the Equality Act 2010, or NYCC's additional agreed characteristics</b> As part of this assessment, please consider the following questions: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>To what extent is this service used by particular groups of people with protected characteristics?</li> <li>Does the proposal relate to functions that previous consultation has identified as important?</li> <li>Do different groups have different needs or experiences in the area the proposal relates to?</li> </ul>			
<b>If for any characteristic it is considered that there is likely to be an adverse impact or you have ticked 'Don't know/no info available', then a full EIA should be carried out where this is proportionate. You are advised to speak to your <a href="#">Equality rep</a> for advice if you are in any doubt.</b>			
Protected characteristic	Potential for adverse impact		Don't know/No info available
	Yes	No	
Age		No	
Disability		No	
Sex		No	
Race		No	
Sexual orientation		No	
Gender reassignment		No	
Religion or belief		No	
Pregnancy or maternity		No	
Marriage or civil partnership		No	
<b>NYCC additional characteristics</b>			
People in rural areas		No	
People on a low income		No	

Carer (unpaid family or friend)	No		
<b>Does the proposal relate to an area where there are known inequalities/probable impacts</b> (e.g. disabled people's access to public transport)? Please give details.	Procurement of the contract will not have an impact – the proposals themselves are the subject of a separate equality impact screening		
<b>Will the proposal have a significant effect on how other organisations operate?</b> (e.g. partners, funding criteria, etc.). <b>Do any of these organisations support people with protected characteristics?</b> Please explain why you have reached this conclusion.	There will be no significant impact on the operation of other organisations		
<b>Decision (Please tick one option)</b>	EIA not relevant or proportionate:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Continue to full EIA:
<b>Reason for decision</b>	The decision to undertake a procurement exercise will have no adverse impact on any of the protected characteristic groups.		
<b>Signed (Assistant Director or equivalent)</b>	<i>Barrie Mason</i>		
<b>Date</b>	16/03/21		



## Climate change impact assessment

The purpose of this assessment is to help us understand the likely impacts of our decisions on the environment of North Yorkshire and on our aspiration to achieve net carbon neutrality by 2030, or as close to that date as possible. The intention is to mitigate negative effects and identify projects which will have positive effects.

This document should be completed in consultation with the supporting guidance. The final document will be published as part of the decision making process and should be written in Plain English.

If you have any additional queries which are not covered by the guidance please email [climatechange@northyorks.gov.uk](mailto:climatechange@northyorks.gov.uk)

**Please note: You may not need to undertake this assessment if your proposal will be subject to any of the following:**

Planning Permission  
Environmental Impact Assessment  
Strategic Environmental Assessment

However, you will still need to summarise your findings in in the summary section of the form below.

Please contact [climatechange@northyorks.gov.uk](mailto:climatechange@northyorks.gov.uk) for advice.

<b>Title of proposal</b>	Transforming Cities Fund Delivery Contract
<b>Brief description of proposal</b>	Report is asking for approval to undertake a procurement exercise to put in place contractors for the delivery of the Transforming Cities fund programme
<b>Directorate</b>	Business and Environmental Services
<b>Service area</b>	Highways & Transportation
<b>Lead officer</b>	Aidan Rayner, Project Delivery Manager
<b>Names and roles of other people involved in carrying out the impact assessment</b>	
<b>Date impact assessment started</b>	8 <sup>th</sup> March 2021

## Options appraisal

**What impact will this proposal have on council budgets? Will it be cost neutral, have increased cost or reduce costs?**

Please explain briefly why this will be the result, detailing estimated savings or costs where this is possible.

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How will this proposal impact on the environment?		Positive impact (Place a X in the box below where)	No impact (Place a X in the box below where)	Negative impact (Place a X in the box below where)	Explain why will it have this effect and over what timescale?  Where possible/relevant please include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Changes over and above business as usual</li> <li>Evidence or measurement of effect</li> <li>Figures for CO<sub>2</sub>e</li> <li>Links to relevant documents</li> </ul>	Explain how you plan to mitigate any negative impacts.	Explain how you plan to improve any positive outcomes as far as possible.
Minimise <b>greenhouse gas emissions</b> e.g. reducing emissions from travel, increasing energy efficiencies etc.	Emissions from travel						
	Emissions from construction						
	Emissions from running of buildings						
	Other						
Minimise <b>waste</b> : Reduce, reuse, recycle and compost e.g. reducing use of single use plastic							
Reduce <b>water</b> consumption							

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<p>How will this proposal impact on the environment?</p> <p><b>N.B.</b> There may be short term negative impact and longer term positive impact. Please include all potential impacts over the lifetime of a project and provide an explanation.</p>	<p><b>Positive impact</b> (Place a X in the box below where</p>	<p><b>No impact</b> (Place a X in the box below where</p>	<p><b>Negative impact</b> (Place a X in the box below where</p>	<p>Explain why will it have this effect and over what timescale?</p> <p>Where possible/relevant please include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Changes over and above business as usual</li> <li>• Evidence or measurement of effect</li> <li>• Figures for CO<sub>2</sub>e</li> <li>• Links to relevant documents</li> </ul>	<p>Explain how you plan to mitigate any negative impacts.</p>	<p>Explain how you plan to improve any positive outcomes as far as possible.</p>
Minimise <b>pollution</b> (including air, land, water, light and noise)						
Ensure <b>resilience</b> to the effects of climate change e.g. reducing flood risk, mitigating effects of drier, hotter summers						
Enhance <b>conservation</b> and wildlife						
Safeguard the distinctive characteristics, features and special qualities of <b>North Yorkshire's landscape</b>						
Other (please state below)						

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**Are there any recognised good practice environmental standards in relation to this proposal?** If so, please detail how this proposal meets those standards.

**Summary** Summarise the findings of your impact assessment, including impacts, the recommendation in relation to addressing impacts, including any legal advice, and next steps. This summary should be used as part of the report to the decision maker.

The proposed procurement exercise is in support of delivering three Transforming Cities Fund schemes in Skipton, Harrogate & Selby. It is anticipated that that the detailed proposals at Skipton and Selby will be the subject of planning consent and in the case of Selby a full Environmental Impact Assessment. Additionally in order to draw down funding for the schemes they are progressing through the West Yorkshire Combined Authority's assurance process which requires the production of detailed business cases and options appraisal supported by both environmental appraisal and climate change assessment. Designs are at a very early stage and these assessments will be ongoing throughout the design process.

### Sign off section

This climate change impact assessment was completed by:

<b>Name</b>	<b>Aidan Rayner</b>
<b>Job title</b>	<b>Project Delivery Manager</b>
<b>Service area</b>	<b>Highways &amp; Transportation</b>
<b>Directorate</b>	<b>Business &amp; Environmental Services</b>
<b>Signature</b>	<b>A Rayner</b>
<b>Completion date</b>	<b>12<sup>th</sup> March 2021</b>

**Authorised by relevant Assistant Director (signature):** Barrie Mason

**Date:** 16/03/2021