



## **DELEGATED OFFICER EXECUTIVE DECISION NOTICE**

<b>SERVICE AREA:</b>	PLACE Investment, Development and Housing
<b>SUBJECT MATTER:</b>	<b>ASHTON MOSS ENGINEERING SERVICES</b>
<b>DECISION:</b>	To appoint Hydrock Consultants Ltd. to act as consultants for the Ashton Moss Engineering Services commission following a competitive tender process via STaR and the Constellia framework.
<b>DECISION TAKER(S):</b>	Nick Fenwick
<b>DESIGNATION OF DECISION TAKER (S):</b>	Interim Director of Place
<b>DATE OF DECISION:</b>	5 August 2022
<b>REASON FOR DECISION:</b>	Contract Award
<b>ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS REJECTED (if any):</b>	Any other procurement routes would not be as expedient or even compliant and the status quo will not progress delivery of priorities.
<b>CONSULTEES:</b>	STaR
<b>FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:</b>	<p>Additional non-recurrent revenue budget of £575,000 was allocated to the Place directorate in 2020/21 and 2021/22 to support the further development of Ashton Moss. £325,000 was allocated in 2020/21 with a further £ 250,000 allocated in 2021/22. The sum of £325,000 allocated in 2020/21 has been brought forward to the 2021/22 financial year. In addition the Council has been successfully awarded Evergreen 2 grant funding via GMCA of £275,000 that must be expended by 31 March 2023.</p> <p>This provides a total budget of £850,000.</p> <p>The remaining budget available at 1 April 2022 after commitments is £483,000.</p> <p>The contract award of up to £250,000 (section 2.5 refers) will be financed via this remaining balance.</p> <p>It is essential that the contract is stringently monitored and that the agreed milestones are delivered by 31 March 2023.</p>
<b>LEGAL IMPLICATIONS:</b>	<p>As set out in the main body of the report it is essential that the project officers seeks advice and support from STaR procurement to ensure that a compliant procurement exercise is undertaken and that best value is achieved.</p> <p>Given the nature of this project it is important that the project officers ensure that STaR have advised that the appointed consultants are providing an appropriate level of indemnity for the work being undertaken and that the consultants are subject to a non-disclosure agreement.</p>

<b>CONFLICT OF INTEREST:</b>	None
<b>DISPENSATION GRANTED BY STANDARDS COMMITTEE ATTACHED:</b>	n/a
<b>ACCESS TO INFORMATION:</b>	<p>The background papers relating to this report can be inspected by contacting the Report Writer, Andrew Wood, Senior Development Manager by:</p> <p> Telephone: 07808 212189</p> <p> E-mail: <a href="mailto:andrew.wood@tameside.gov.uk">andrew.wood@tameside.gov.uk</a></p>



Signed

**Nick Fenwick, Interim Director of Place**

Dated: 5 August 2022

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<b>REPORTING OFFICER:</b>	Mike Reed, Head of Major Programmes
<b>REPORT SUMMARY:</b>	The Council have procured Hydrock to deliver the Ashton Moss Engineering Services commission to progress the delivery of this strategic employment site.
<b>RECOMMENDATION:</b>	That Hydrock be appointed as consultants to undertake the Ashton Moss Engineering Services commission.
<b>JUSTIFICATION FOR THE DECISION:</b>	Hydrock have been selected as consultants for the preparation of the Ashton Moss Engineering Services work following a tender process via STaR and the Constellia framework.
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## **1. INTRODUCTION**

- 1.1 Ashton Moss is a strategic site provisionally allocated in the draft Greater Manchester Spatial Framework (GMSF). It is Tameside's largest employment opportunity site and ideally will produce higher value and quality employment for Tameside residents. The site is well located on the road, tram and bus networks and is adjacent to the Ashton Moss retail, leisure, commercial and industrial area.
- 1.2 The Ashton Moss scheme supports delivery of the Tameside Corporate Plan, Tameside Inclusive Growth Strategy and both regional and national priorities and will realise significant and much needed private sector investment and job creation in the Borough.

## **2. ENGINEERING SUPPORT**

- 2.1 The use of GM Evergreen II Surplus funds of £275,000 with match funding of £325,000 from the Growth Development Budget was approved for use on the Ashton Moss site by Tameside Council Executive Cabinet on 26 August 2020 to provide a significant financial contribution to the delivery of new employment development at Ashton Moss. This is supported by a further £250,000 in the Council's 2021/22 budget giving a total funding around available of £850,000. The remaining budget available at 1 April 2022 after commitments is £483,000.
- 2.2 The Evergreen grant funding agreement stated that the £275,000 needed to be expended by 31 December 2021. The Greater Manchester Combined Authority (GMCA) have now provided written confirmation that this deadline has been extended to 31 March 2023.
- 2.3 The Council have procured Hydrock Consulting Ltd. to deliver the Ashton Moss Engineering Services commission to progress the delivery of the development of this strategic employment site.
- 2.4 A procurement exercise has been completed via STaR utilising the AEC Neutral Vendor Framework operated by Constellia. Following this process Hydrock have been selected as Engineering Consultants for the Programme. Contract milestones are agreed in advance of contract commencement as part of the project programme.
- 2.5 The appointment of Hydrock as consultant for the period to 31 March 2023 will be up to a maximum contract value of £250,000.

## **3. RECOMMENDATIONS**

- 3.1 As set out at the front of the report.