

## **Divisions Affected – Kidlington South**

# **CABINET MEMBER FOR INFRASTRUCTURE AND DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY**

**– 12 October 2023**

## **North Oxford Corridor (NOC) – Kidlington Roundabout Contracts**

**Report by Corporate Director of Environment and Place**

### **RECOMMENDATION**

1. **The Cabinet Member is RECOMMENDED to** delegate authority to the Corporate Director of Environment and Place in consultation with the Head of Legal and Deputy Monitoring Officer to settle the terms of, and approve the issuing of the following task orders which are required in relation to the North Oxford Corridor (NOC) 1b – Kidlington Roundabout referred to in this report:
  - a) A construction task order for construction of works under the existing OWN Contract (Peterborough) with Milestone Infrastructure Ltd maximum estimated value at £2.9m [including VAT].
  - b) A design support task order with Milestone Infrastructure Ltd, under the existing OWN Contract (Peterborough) for support during construction maximum estimated value at £100k [including VAT].

### **Executive Summary**

2. This report seeks to ensure authority is in place to enter into all forthcoming task orders [and other such agreements] for the NOC 1b – Kidlington Roundabout.

### **Background**

3. Milestone Infrastructure Limited have been appointed pursuant to a contract dated 5<sup>th</sup> August 2021 to undertake highways services and works for the NOC 1b – Kidlington Roundabout scheme.
4. Preliminary and detailed design including relevant stages of Road Safety Audit has been completed by Milestone, with the next stage of the project to instruct a construction task order with Milestone.
5. Engagement and public consultation with key stakeholders and members of the public has been completed on the scheme proposals with results reported to 2<sup>nd</sup> February 2023 Delegated Decision by Cabinet Member for Travel & Development Strategy with approval granted.

6. Communication of the intended start date (November/December 2023) will be shared once confirmed including use of the project web page.
7. The NOC 1b Kidlington Roundabout project helps support OCC's vision by providing enhanced bus priority, cycling and walking infrastructure on the edge of the city to encourage a shift to more sustainable and healthy modes of travel whilst contributing towards improvements in air quality and reducing carbon emissions.

## **Key Issues**

8. Oxfordshire County Council, as highway authority, are carrying out the NOC P1B Kidlington Roundabout scheme pursuant to the Highways Act 1980. The scheme forms part of a whole corridor of improvements / schemes on the A44 and A4260 corridors in north Oxford aimed at improving sustainable transport and supporting proposed development sites.
9. OCC Network Management team have been consulted regularly on the scheme with respect to road space booking and its impact on Oxfordshire's Road network including the ongoing major works on the Botley Road.

## **Financial Implications**

10. The project currently has a total overall budget of £4m funded via the Housing and Growth Deal (H&GD). Corporate Governance procedures have been, and will continue to be, followed for the project.

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## **Legal Implications**

11. The Own Contract between Oxfordshire County Council and Milestone Infrastructure Limited was made pursuant to a contract between Milestone Infrastructure Limited and Peterborough City Council which provides for other authorities, such as OCC, to enter into their own contract with Milestone for highways services and works on the same terms.
12. The Own Contract is a term service arrangement whereby the client may order successive services through issuing task orders to Milestone. The client has issued task orders from time to time for successive stages of this scheme.
13. As set out in paragraph 8 of the report, the council will be carrying out these works pursuant to its statutory responsibilities as highway authority pursuant to the Highways Act 1980.

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## **Staff Implications**

14. There are no staff implications.

## **Risk Management**

15. There is a risk of reputational damage due to delays to the project if the Council does not carry out the works expediently.

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Annex: Nil.

Background papers: Nil.

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