

**Divisions Affected – Bicester and Banbury**

**CABINET MEMBER FOR  
INFRASTRUCTURE & DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY  
12 October 2023**

**Bicester - A4095/B4100 Banbury Road Roundabout Improvements  
Contracts and Agreements**

**Report by Corporate Director Environment & Place**

**RECOMMENDATION**

**1. The Cabinet Member is RECOMMENDED to;**

delegate authority to the Director of Transport and Infrastructure in consultation with the Head of Legal and Deputy Monitoring Officer to finalise the target cost and programme for Stage 2 (Construction) and issue a Notice to Proceed to Galliford Try Infrastructure Ltd "GTIL" under the existing NEC 4 Engineering and Construction Contract for the A4095/B4100 Banbury Road Roundabout Project.

**Executive Summary**

2. The Council Constitution states that key decisions are required prior to entering into any contracts with a capital spend of over £1 million.
3. This report recommends that the Cabinet Member delegates authority to the Director of Transport and Infrastructure to finalise the target cost and programme for Stage 2 and issue a Notice to Proceed to Galliford Try Infrastructure Ltd "GTIL" under the existing NEC 4 Option C Engineering and Construction Contract for the A4095/B4100 Banbury Road Roundabout Project, in line with the Constitution and ensuring the necessary Authority is in place.

**Background**

4. The A4095/B4100 Banbury Road Roundabout Project encompasses the following benefits:
  - a. Convert the existing roundabout into a crossroad with traffic lights.
  - b. Increase capacity for vehicles and reduce delays, helping to address congestion at the junction.

- c. Improve road-safety for active travel users via a reduced speed limit of 30mph and a raised table at Fringford Road.
  - d. Improve safety for cyclists and pedestrians, with segregated cycleways and crossings at the western and southern arms of the redesigned junction via an orthodox Dutch Orientation arrangement.
5. Oxfordshire County Council “OCC”, entered into a NEC 4 Engineering and Construction Contract with Galliford Try Infrastructure Ltd “GTIL” on the 11<sup>th</sup> of August 2021 further amended by a Deed of Variation “DOV” on the 24<sup>th</sup> of September 2021 to undertake early contractor involvement, surveys and detailed design “Stage 1” utilising secondary option X22 of the Form of Contract. Stage 1 was below the threshold for a Cabinet Member decision. Stage 1 is expected to be completed in November 2023.
6. Stage 2 (Construction) is anticipated to commence in December 2023. In order to meet the funding deadlines, this report is to request that delegated authority is given to the Director of Transport and Infrastructure to agree the target cost and enter into Stage 2 in a timely manner based on Council policy, regulations and professional judgement.
7. The contractor’s estimated final cost to complete Stage 2 only, is **£6.5m**. The formal submission of the contractors Stage 2 price and programme is due in early November 2023.

## **Key Issues**

8. Planning was granted on 27 November 2021. Since then, there were changes in design which required changes to the planning application through Section 73. The Section 73 Amendment to the planning application is not yet determined. The planning decision is expected on 27 Nov 23.
9. The approval of the issuing of the Notice to Proceed will not take place unless and until the S73 application is approved.

## **Financial Implications**

10. There are no new budgetary implications. The budget for the total project has already been agreed by Cabinet. The total funding allocated to this project is **£10.7m** comprised of £5.2m from Growth Deal and £5.5m from other Grants.

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## Legal Implications

11. On 11<sup>th</sup> August 2021, the Council entered into a NEC4 ECC Option C Contract with Galliford Try Infrastructure Limited following a call-off under the Midland Highways Alliance MSF3 Framework. The contract was amended by way of a Deed of Variation dated 24<sup>th</sup> September 2021. Under the contract the Contractor delivers Stage One services (early contractor involvement and design). If agreement is reached on a target price and programme, the Council issues a Notice to Proceed to Stage 2 to the Contractor, which triggers the commencement of the Stage 2 construction works.
12. The council will be delivering the Banbury Road Roundabout Project in its capacity as the highway authority for Oxfordshire under the Highways Act 1980.

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## Staff Implications

13. There are no staff implications.

## Risk Management

14. There are no risk management implications.

## Owen Jenkins, Director of Transport, and Infrastructure

Annex: None

Background papers: None

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