

**RECORD OF DECISION TAKEN UNDER
DELEGATED AUTHORITY FROM
EXECUTIVE/COUNCIL/COMMITTEE
DELEGATED POWERS OUTLINED IN
THE CONSTITUTION**



DELEGATED OFFICER DECISION TAKEN BY:	Strategic Director of Environment & Operations
DELEGATED BY:	Executive (9 th March 2023 date of delegation)
IN CONSULTATION WITH:	Executive Member
PORTFOLIO AREA:	Growth & Development

SUBJECT: Section 278 Roadworks Holden Fold Moor Lane Darwen

1. DECISION

To award to the successful contractor who has submitted the most advantageous tender to provide the scheme as detailed for Junction Improvements to Holden Fold, Moor Lane Blackburn.

This is an Officer Decision under delegated powers under the constitution.

2. REASON FOR DECISION

The further competition was open to all contractors on the Growth and Development Framework. A mini-competition was undertaken via the Council's e-tendering portal – The Chest.

Three of the framework partners submitted high quality bids. The bids were evaluated against the below published scoring criteria.

70% Price/ 30% Quality.

Submissions were evaluated by members of the Council's Highways & Transport Team, the Contracts and Procurement Team and WSP Real Estate & Infrastructure Ltd. The relevant scores are detailed in the table below;

	Bidder A	Bidder B	Bidder C
Total score %	81.20%	78.70%	83.44%

It is therefore the intention to award the contract to **The Casey Group Ltd** as they had the highest overall score.

3. BACKGROUND

The project will deliver the construction of the proposed roundabout arrangement at the junction of Moor Lane, Holden Fold and Knowle Lane together with associated works on Chapels and Goose House Lane. This includes the construction of two car parks for use by the local residents on Knowle Lane.

The infrastructure works proposed form the next stage of the DEDC (Darwen East Development Corridor) improvement scheme.

Executive Board approval was sought 9th March for the Local Transport Plan for the financial year 23-24.

[EBD1: Executive Board Decision \(moderngov.co.uk\)](#)

Exec Member approval to go out to tender for procurement of the works via the Growth & Development Framework was sought 28 April 2023.

[EMD1: Executive Member decision template \(moderngov.co.uk\)](#)

4. KEY ISSUES AND RISKS

The planning application for this has already been approved, therefore key risks have been mitigated. The land in question is within the adopted highway/council owned land.

Positive consultations have been carried out with Key Stakeholders, Members and Residents affected.

The junction forms part of the DEDC Strategic Route, the works therefore are required to improve the highway network.

The funding is a combination of LTP (ITB Funds) and S106 Monies. The S106 funding has already been received from approved Darwen schemes.

5. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

The successful bid falls within the funding available for the scheme and through the Council's Local Transport Plan and secured through ITB and S106 contributions 16/0789 and S106 Ellison Way as part of the Darwen East Development Corridor

6. LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

The works will be carried out under terms and conditions of the Engineering and Construction Contract (ECC), Third Edition, (NEC3) published in June 2005 (with amendments April 2013) by the Institution of Civil Engineers, using Option B priced contract with Bill of Quantities.

7. RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

None

8. OPTIONS CONSIDERED AND REJECTED

The decision to use the Growth and Development Framework was taken as the partners have a vast amount of experience in the borough, and have a commitment to using local labour and suppliers which is a key priority for the Council.

9. CONSULTATIONS

A Resident's consultation meeting was carried out, together with Ward members/Executive Members engagement. The planning application will consult with the wider public through the Planning Application process

10. DECLARATION OF INTEREST

All Declarations of Interest of the officer with delegation and any Member who has been consulted, and note of any dispensation granted should be recorded below:

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DATE:	
BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS:	