

## Record of Decision by Executive Portfolio for Policy & Resources

Tuesday, 9 September 2014

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| <b>Portfolio</b>             | Policy & Resources   |
| <b>Subject:</b>              | <b>Award of Tender - River Wallington Bank Repairs at Broadcut</b> |
| <b>Report of:</b>            | Director of Environmental Services                                 |
| <b>Strategy/Policy:</b>      | A dynamic, prudent, progressive and best value Council             |
| <b>Corporate Objectives:</b> |  |

### **Purpose:**

This report considers the tender received for reconstruction of the river bank of the River Wallington alongside the Council Depot and recommends an award of contract for the works.

At its meeting in April 2014, the Executive approved a project for reconstruction of the river bank of the River Wallington alongside the Council Depot to counter the effects of erosion. This report provides the Executive Member with information regarding the tender received for these works and seeks an award of contract.

### **Options Considered:**

As recommendation.

### **Decision:**

That a contract be awarded to Balfour Beatty for the works. Confidential appendix A provides financial information.

### **Reason:**

To protect the Council's assets from further potential damage.

### **Confirmed as a true record:**

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Executive Leader

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| <b>Portfolio</b>             | Policy & Resources  |
| <b>Subject:</b>              | <b>Attendance at High Street Renewal and Reconfiguration Conference</b> |
| <b>Report of:</b>            | Director of Planning & Development                                      |
| <b>Strategy/Policy:</b>      | Protecting and enhancing the environment                                |
| <b>Corporate Objectives:</b> | Protect and Enhance the Environment                                     |

#### **Purpose:**

This report seeks approval for the Executive Member for Planning and Development to attend the High Street Renewal and Reconfiguration Conference, to be held on 3 February 2015 in Central London.

The conference will be a timely opportunity to discuss latest thinking on best practice and policy priorities for revitalising Britain's high streets and town centres.

The discussion will take place in the context of a range of Government initiatives including:

- The Small Business, Enterprise and Employment Bill, which aims to improve access to finance and reduce red tape for growing small businesses;
- Wider implementation of the Retail Strategy, which sets out plans to strengthen partnerships between the Government and the retail sector;
- Planning system improvements being implemented through the National Planning Policy Framework and the Chancellor's proposed consultation on retail use class announced in this year's Budget;
- Discounts to tax bills for small retailers announced earlier this year;
- The impact of Employment Allowances on small business and retail sector growth;
- Findings from a recent Future High Streets Forum study identifying leadership as a key factor in boosting high street regeneration; and
- Next steps for meeting the needs of consumers, following an in-depth study which credits 'convenience culture' with driving a recent high street revival.

Discussion will also be informed by a recently published Business, Innovation and

Skills Committee report on the retail sector, which recommended a 'wholesale review' of business rates.

The conference will bring together key policymakers with local authorities, retailers and other businesses, planners, town centre management teams, the third sector and other key stakeholders.

**Options Considered:**

As recommendation.

**Decision:**

That approval is given for the Executive Member for Planning and Development to attend the High Street Renewal and Reconfiguration Conference, to be held on 3 February 2015 in Central London.

**Reason:**

This seminar will present an opportunity to engage with key policymakers and other interested parties.

Speakers and attendees are expected to be a senior and informed group numbering around 120, including Members of both Houses of Parliament, senior government officials involved in this area of policy, representatives from local authorities, businesses and their advisors, experts from the planning and legal professions, community and civic groups, campaigning organisations, and academics and commentators, together with reporters from the national and trade press.

**Confirmed as a true record:**

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