

**OFFICER DELEGATION SCHEME
RECORD OF DECISION**



Date: 13 January 2021	Ref No: 251
Responsible Officer: A Liddle – Principal Engineer (Highways)	
Title/Subject matter: A58 ROCHDALE ROAD / WASH LANE, BURY	
Budget/Strategy/Policy/Compliance:	
(i) Is the decision within an Approved Budget?	Yes
(ii) Is the decision in conflict with the council's policies, strategies or relevant service plans?	No
(iii) Does the decision amend existing or raise new policy issues?	No
(iv) Is the decision a non-key decision (below £100,000, outside the MO definitions)	Yes
Is publication still required? (see guidance)	Yes
<p>Summary:</p> <p>Accept the lowest tender in the sum of £346,060.08 submitted by T J Murphy Ltd, Moss Lane, Off Sharp Street, Worsley, Greater Manchester, M28 3LY. Scheme funded by GMCA.</p>	
Options considered: None.	

Decision: *[with reasons]*

The Growth Deal projects for junction improvements Angouleme Way/Market Street (Op Dec 312) and Wash Lane/M66 Jnc 2 (this Op Dec) were included in the refreshed capital programme that went before Cabinet in November 2020.

Growth Deal schemes are funded by the Greater Manchester Combined Authority (GMCA).

Council funding had been sought to make up a funding gap that had appeared due to a higher than anticipated tender return value. Work by officers from Bury and Transport for Greater Manchester (TfGM) has managed to access external funding to bridge this shortfall via the Active Travel Fund given that this scheme will bring great benefits to active travel in the area. Consequently, this element of Council funding is no longer required.

GMCA funding has been confirmed and was subject to business case review including value for money by TfGM Growth Deal team on behalf of the GMCA and has been through their governance process. The business case is attached for information. Also attached is the GMCA report where the approval for the financing of this scheme was given.



The scheme decreases journey times to those highway users exiting Bury in the direction towards Rochdale and the M66. The main savings will be experienced by users of the Wash Lane approach. The queue length has fallen from an average of 91m to 42m in the AM peak and from 158m to 47m in the PM peak. This represents a reduction in delay in the AM peak from an average 31 seconds to 14 seconds and for the PM peak from 59 seconds to 13 seconds. As the time saving has been achieved by the provision of additional carriageway, this has not come at the expense of the other arms of the junction.




The benefit to cost ratio (BCR) has been calculated at 8.39. The value for money assessment of the scheme is, therefore, classed as "very high" given that the BCR is greater than 4.

The tendering process was compliant with Contract Procedure Rules & Financial Regulations and was an open tender undertaken via The Chest procurement portal.

It is recommended to accept the lowest tender in the sum of £346,060.08 submitted by T J Murphy Ltd, Moss Lane, Off Sharp Street, Worsley, Greater Manchester, M28 3LY.

The report on returned tenders is attached for reference.

Decision made by:	Signature:	Date:
Executive Director of Operations – Donna Ball		19 January 2021
Assistant Director – Neil Long		17 January 2021

S151 Officer – Lisa Kitto		14 January 2021
Monitoring Officer – Janet Witkowski		14 January 2021
Members Consulted (if applicable) [see note 1 below]		
Cabinet Member, Transport & Infrastructure – Lucy Smith	Approved by email.  Re_ Wash Lane GD Scheme.msg	14 January 2021
Lead Member		
Opposition Spokesperson		

Notes

1. Where, in accordance with the requirements of the Officer Delegation Scheme, a Chief Officer consults with the appropriate Cabinet Member they must sign the form so as to confirm that they have been consulted and that they agree with the proposed action. The signature of the Opposition Spokesperson should be obtained if required, to confirm that he/she has been consulted. Please refer to the MO Guidance.
2. **This form must not be used for urgent decisions.**
3. Where there is any doubt, Corporate Directors should err on the side of caution and seek advice from the Council's Monitoring Officer.