

Commission Detail	
Western Access Outline Business Case and Feasibility Design Development	
Date:	11.09.24
Approval:	Northern Gateway Strategic Board (Date: 12.09.24)
Identified Need	<p>Yes</p> <p>External support is required to bring forward the development of the Western Access Outline Business Case and associated feasibility design. This includes recommendations for the following resources:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Lead consultant: to lead and coordinate the development of the Outline Business Case, feasibility design and required surveys; ensure cost and risk management in place, ensure ability to identify and acquire any third-party land required is in place; ensure a strategy for Planning is in place, including preparation of planning application(s) – scope to continue services to FBC and construction as required subject to funding and performance; - Contractor for Early Contractor Involvement (ECI): appointed on a three-stage procurement (to construction, subject to funding, KPI's and quality performance) to be procured from early OBC to input into design, deliverability, risk reduction, costs, interface with M66 J3 and delivery strategy; - Design input / critical friend, review of survey outputs and OBC input (Rochdale Development Agency -RDA); - Operational Legal advice: to advise on Statutory Orders, links with Planning Strategy, compensation claims; - Strategic Legal advice; - Independent PM / QS - Lead consultant: to lead SOBC for Western Access Phase 2 (spine road) <p>The RDA will also be involved in the project to support with design development, surveys and business case input – the route for Bury Council to Instruct the RDA is currently being explored.</p>
Anticipated Budget Requirement	£800,000 excl VAT <i>To be confirmed once scope agreed.</i>
Budget Confirmed (y / n)	Yes – end-March 2025 spend (accrued) deadline
Confirmed Authority through Scheme of Delegation	Cabinet approval to be sought 25 th September 2025, to include delegated authority to deliver the scheme
SMART Objectives	<p>S –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Western Access (Phase 1 – Pilsworth) Outline Business Case and feasibility design - Western Access Phase 2 (spine road) SOBC
	<p>M –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Preferred option for the Western Access scheme will be determined

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Greater understanding of risks, issues, constraints and strategies put in place to mitigate the impacts - Greater cost and time certainty - Need for additional highway intervention can be assessed and justified - Short list and Preferred Way Forward determined for Western Access Phase 2 <p>A –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Bury Council dedicated resource to be responsible for procuring and leading the management of the commission, supported by PMO, as outlined in NG Governance Framework <p>R –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Bury Council dedicated resource required to work with / report into PMO. - Due to funding approval process and restrictions on spend deadline, time for delivery is 6 months from assumed Cabinet approval at end-September 2025. - Agreement of all scopes, Procurement Strategy and Delivery Strategy is needed in advance of this. <p>T – funding (£800,000) accrued spend deadline of end-March 2025</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Key dates and checkpoints to be agreed as part of programme upon inception - Master Programme, reflecting all relevant commission outputs, to be developed by lead consultant.
Lead Organisation	Bury Council
Lead Officer(s)	Bury Council (responsible) NG Strategic Board (accountable)
Make or Buy Recommendation	<p>Make - RDA to provide design input, review of survey outputs and OBC input</p> <p>Buy – external services required to act as lead consultant; ECI Contractor;</p> <p>Legal representative – tbc, discussions underway with Bury Council Legal.</p>
Assumptions	<p>RDA have capacity to undertake the work as set out in the scope.</p> <p>Rochdale Council are able to instruct the services of the RDA on behalf of Bury Council due to the joint-council nature of the project.</p> <p>Sufficient procurement and legal resource to prepare required documentation in advance of tenders going live.</p>
Procurement Approach and Route to Market - Recommendations	
Contract Options – Form of Contract	<p>Lead Consultant NEC3/4 Professional Services Contract – Option A (Fixed Price)</p> <p>ECI Contractor NEC3/4 Professional Services Contract – Option E (Cost Reimbursable)</p>

	<p>Legal Representative(s) Service Level Agreement</p> <p>RDA Service Level Agreement (tbc)</p> <p>Independent PM / QS Service Level Agreement</p>
Procurement Approach	<p>Lead Consultant Mini Competition via existing framework</p> <p>ECI Contractor Mini Competition via existing framework</p> <p>Legal Representative Subject to external support being required, direct call off via internal approach (via internal legal support)</p> <p>RDA Work underway to understand how Bury Council can instruct the services of the RDA due to the joint-council nature of the project.</p> <p>Independent PM / QS Call-off from framework on rotation</p>
Route to Market	See above
Available Frameworks Include	<p>North West Construction Hub</p> <p>Procure Partnerships</p> <p>NHS Shared Business Services framework</p> <p>TfGM Highways Framework</p>
Procurement Process	Tbc
Additional Requirements	Tbc