

ROTHERHAM BOROUGH COUNCIL – REPORT TO MEMBERS

1.	Meeting:	Cabinet Member for Regeneration and Development Services meeting
2.	Date:	2nd February, 2009
3.	Title:	School Travel Plans Procurement of Cycle Training Term Contract
4.	Directorate:	Environment and Development Services Planning and Transportation Service

5. Summary

To seek approval for the re-tendering of the cycle training contract.

6. Recommendations

That the Cabinet Member endorses the re-tendering of a 1 year contract for 2009/10 (renewable for a further 2 years) for the provision of cycle training.

7. Proposals and Details

Cabinet Member will recall my report relating to a contract to appoint a cycle training provider to support the School Travel Plan process (Minute No 62 of the 31st July 2006 meeting). The contract was subsequently won by Pedal Ready cycle trainers, Sheffield who have provided National Standard cycle training in local schools since December 2006.

To date some 2500 school age children have been trained in the Borough with a further 1700 targeted for 2009/10. Feedback from pupils, schools and parents has been excellent. Whilst not wholly attributable to cycle training, it is notable that LTP targets for modal split on home to school journeys and cycling trips are both exceeding their respective trajectory targets.

Pedal Ready have performed well and outputs have been good but the current training contract expires at the end of March 2009 and will need to be re-tendered to ensure continuity of training provision and to secure the best service provision and value for money.

8. Finance

The contract value for 2009/10 is a guaranteed minimum of £40K, funded from the Local Transport Plan Capital Programme. A bid for £60K has also been made to the 2009/10 DfT and Cycling England 'Extra Cycle Training Grant' for additional training targeted mainly at deprived areas and ethnic minorities. Rotherham has successfully bid for cycle training grant funding for the last 2 years and early indications suggest that the 2009 bid will also be successful.

Training providers will therefore be invited to tender for an initial 1 year contract with a value between £40K and £100K, with the option for a contract extension for a further 2 years subject to funding being available and performance and quality criteria being met.

9. Risks and Uncertainties

Cycle training requires close contact with children therefore, all tenderers will be required to demonstrate that all employees who work with children have been subject to appropriate Criminal Records Bureau checks.

10. Policy and Performance Agenda Implications

The promotion of School Travel Plans and cycling contributes to the following shared themes in LTP2:

- Road Safety – by improving cycling ability and road safety awareness amongst young people
- Congestion – by encouraging modal transfer from car (as passenger) to bicycle.

- Air Quality / Environment – by reducing the number and impact of vehicles associated with the school run.

Cycle training also contributes to the following Community Strategy themes: are

- Rotherham Alive – engaging communities to be healthy and active
- Rotherham Safe – a preventative approach to minimise traffic and cycling accidents.

11. Background Papers and Consultation

Minute No 62 of the 31st July 2006 meeting.

The Second South Yorkshire Local Transport Plan 2006-2011.

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