

CABINET MEMBER FOR REGENERATION AND DEVELOPMENT

**Venue: Town Hall, Moorgate
Street, Rotherham. S60
2TH**

Date: Friday, 11th April, 2014

Time: 11.30 a.m.

A G E N D A

1. To determine if the following matters are to be considered under the categories suggested in accordance with the Local Government Act 1972.
2. To determine any item which the Chairman is of the opinion should be considered as a matter of urgency.
3. Apologies for absence
4. British Cycling-led 'Sky' Bike Rides (Pages 1 - 2)
5. Local Transport Plan - Hydrogen Powered Vehicle Project (Pages 3 - 4)
6. Exclusion of the Press and Public
The following items are likely to be considered in the absence of the press and public as being exempt under Paragraph 3 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A to the Local Government Act 1972 (as amended March 2006 – information relates to finance and business affairs)
7. Riverside House - Repairs and Maintenance Contract (Pages 5 - 6)
8. Joint Service Centre at Aston-cum-Aughton - Building Alterations
9. Date and time of next meeting - Monday 2 June 2014 at 10.30 am

ROTHERHAM BOROUGH COUNCIL – REPORT TO MEMBERS
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1.	Meeting:	Cabinet Member and Advisers for Regeneration and Development.
2.	Date:	Friday 11th April 2014
3.	Title:	British Cycling Led Sky Bike Rides
4.	Directorate:	Environment and Development Services

5. Summary

To seek approval to introduce led Sky bike rides which would be managed and delivered by British Cycling to encourage cycling in Rotherham and to seek an exemption from standing order 47.6.3. The project is part of a national scheme to encourage cycling and would be promoted by British Cycling and Sky TV in collaboration with RMBC.

6. Recommendations

It is recommended Cabinet Member resolves that:

- i) Rotherham Council enters into a contract with British Cycling to manage and deliver led Sky bike rides which would be promoted by Sky TV, British Cycling and the Council. British Cycling would also support the local authority in its cycling ambitions along with the development of strategies and plans.**
- ii) An exemption from standing order 47.6.3 be granted.**

7. Proposals and Details

British Cycling, in partnership with Sky TV, are undertaking a high profile national 'Go Sky Ride' programme working with local authorities across the country to increase participation in cycling for active travel and/or leisure through led Sky bike rides.

Within Rotherham, British Cycling would manage and deliver a series of led Sky bike rides throughout the Borough in the Summer and Autumn of 2014 for cyclists of varying abilities. They would provide a number of easy, steady and challenging led rides. This will increase the number and frequency of people cycling and encourage local residents to travel more actively and to cycle for leisure.

In order to promote the led rides, British Cycling and Sky TV have a national campaign to drive people to the goskyride.com website, which will feature local rides and a Council specific webpage. There will also be a local campaign in which British Cycling will work in collaboration with the Council to promote the led Sky bike rides using British Cycling and Sky branding.

In addition to this, British Cycling will support the authority in encouraging cycling generally along with the development of strategies and plans in the following ways:

- Assistance in formation of and being a member of any strategy steering group.
- Facilitation of the strategic planning process for the group.
- Advice, assistance, research and intelligence to inform any strategic development.
- Advice and insight into current cycling policies and best practice.

It is requested that the cost of the project provided by British Cycling is exempt from standing order 47.6.3 on the basis that this project is unique in the market place, ie: a sole provider. Sport England has commissioned British Cycling to deliver cycle participation outcomes as part of the 4 year whole sport plan cycle (2014-17). British Cycling are the only Cycle Sports National Governing body to receive Sport England and UK Sport Lottery funding, which enables them to provide considerable revenue match funding for the project. British Cycling also has a number of commercial partners and sponsors like Sky, which enable them to provide a considerable amount of in kind expertise and support.

All other South Yorkshire partners have agreed to the merits of the Sky Ride programme and have entered into contract with British Cycling. This means that the majority of authorities in the Yorkshire and Humber will be promoting Sky Ride in the year of the Tour de France Grand Départ being held in Yorkshire.

8. Finance

The project will cost: £24,000. This will be funded from the 14/15 Local Sustainable Transport Fund revenue programme and with match funding from British Cycling of £40,250.

9. Risks and Uncertainties

If this project is not approved the Council will lose the opportunity to be part of a high profile national project in 2014/15, with high profile partners and sponsors such as Sky, which will also draw in significant match funding from British Cycling.

The Council's legal team are satisfied with the proposed contract with British Cycling to manage and deliver this project.

10. Policy and Performance Agenda Implications

The delivery of this project will have a number of LSTF and LTP benefits. Promoting and encouraging cycling for active travel and leisure will support economic growth and encourage cycling to work which is a major objective of the LSTF and LTP. Increased numbers of people cycling will also help to reduce carbon emissions and improve air quality which is another important objective in the LSTF and LTP. Cycling also improves health and fitness which is an important aim in the LSTF and major objective for the NHS.

11. Background Papers and Consultation

Consultation has been undertaken with local cycling enthusiasts and members of local cycling clubs through the Cycle Rotherham group. Members of the group fully support the project.

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1.	Meeting:	Cabinet Member and Advisers for Regeneration and Development
2.	Date:	Friday 11 April 2014
3.	Title:	LTP Hydrogen powered vehicle project
4.	Directorate:	Streetpride

5. Summary

The purpose of this report is to inform cabinet member of the nature and scope of the project and seek an exemption from standing orders for procurement of the unique components and vehicle to bring the project to fruition. The project has agreed funding from a strategic allocation of South Yorkshire LTP Integrated Transport Block.

6. Recommendations

That Cabinet Member:

- (i) Notes the nature and scope of the project and that RMBC are leading on the procurement and liaison with SY and private sector partners**
- (ii) Approves an exemption from Standing Order 48.2 (requirement for contracts valued between £50,000 and £500,000) be granted and the Council shall enter into a contract with ITM Power**
- (iii) The agreement of the Mayor be sought to exempt this from the provisions of the call in procedure on the grounds that it is urgent. The contract with ITM Power needs to be signed by the 16 April to ensure that there procurement timescales can be met.**

7. Proposals and Details

As a result of discussions at the Local Transport Plan (LTP) Air Quality and Climate Change Group it was agreed that Rotherham should take the lead on a strategic LTP Integrated Transport funded project to help bring the Hydrogen Minigrid at Waverley AMP back into use to fuel a hydrogen fuel cell vehicle as a demonstrator for the technology. This would place South Yorkshire at the forefront of these technologies in the UK. The Hydrogen Minigrid at Waverley AMP is owned by the Homes and Communities Agency, however as a result of a competitive tender process, ITM Power (a local Sheffield Company and global leaders in Hydrogen technologies) were awarded a contract to bring the plant back into use and provide demonstration and academic research facilities. Hydrogen fuel cell vehicles are at an early production phase and only one original equipment manufacturer (OEM) currently has production vehicles ready for market. Ten of these vehicles have been earmarked for the UK and have been procured under a contact with Transport for London on the understanding that one would be made available to ITM's project providing funding could be secured.

After further detailed discussions it was agreed that £100,000 of LTP funding should be allocated as a county-wide project to this scheme. The project proposals have been

approved as part of South Yorkshire's LTP programme for 2014/15 by the Integrated Transport Authority (ITA).

The funds will be divided between procurement of the Hyundai hydrogen fuel cell electric vehicle (HFC-EV) (£56K) and ancillary equipment needed to upgrade the refuelling facility at Waverley AMP.

As there is only one supplier of fuel cell cars, the procurement of the vehicle is to be treated as a "sole supplier", however this will require the suspension of standing orders.

Once the vehicle is procured and the facility brought back into use the vehicle will be made available to a range of organisations across South Yorkshire over a period of 4 years to demonstrate the applicability of the technology across as wide a variety of applications as possible. During this period it is hoped that the market price of HFC-EVs will decrease as production volumes increase and hydrogen fuel becomes more widely available. The project will be publicised in local and national media, contributing to raising the profile of Rotherham, Waverley and South Yorkshire as an innovative and forward looking region at the forefront of new technologies.

8. Finance

The scheme will be financed with LTP Integrated Transport block funds. The £100K of LTP funds will be more than matched by funds invested in the project by ITM Power. On advice from RMBC finance officers the nature of the vehicle qualifies its lease as capital expenditure.

9. Risks and Uncertainties

The main risk is that, should the vehicle procurement not take place, the facility at Waverley would not contribute greatly to our desire as a county to be at the forefront of ultra-low carbon vehicle technologies. In addition, the government has expressed a desire to create a national hydrogen refuelling infrastructure, with the Hydrogen Minigrad operating with a demonstrator vehicle this would position South Yorkshire very well for future funding that the government has allocated to the project. Failure to deliver the project would seriously compromise our ability to compete for future funding.

10. Policy and Performance Agenda Implications

The project contributes to the Council's Corporate Plan (improving the environment and safe and healthy communities) as well sustainability / carbon reduction aspirations. The project also conforms to the Sheffield City Region Transport Strategy policies:

Policy G - To deliver interventions required for development and regeneration

Policy V - To improve air quality, especially in designated AQMA areas

11. Background Papers and Consultation

Since the scheme has no direct effect on residential properties, no formal consultation was felt to be necessary. Support has been received from the private sector (ITM) as well as numerous universities who would welcome the opportunity to use the demonstration results to better understand the use of hydrogen as a fuel.

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