

Economic and City Development Overview and Scrutiny Committee

28 January 2015

Report of the Director of City & Environmental Services

Brownfield and Infrastructure Report Publication

Summary

 This report has been brought at the request of the Chair of Economic and City Development Overview and Scrutiny Committee (ECDOSC). The request coming as a result of the appearance of a report (Annex A) to Council Management Team prepared by the Director of City and Environmental Services (CES) on the York Press website.

Recommendations

2. Members are asked to note the status of the report, its method of release and the route by which the issues raised are to be formally brought for consideration by Members.

Background

- 3. As part of the ongoing work of the Audit and Governance Committee papers have been presented in November 2013 and April 2014 outlining the approach that the Council is adopting in respect of project Management and Project Boards.
- 4. Over the same period the Council was managing the cessation of Lendal Bridge trial and the Chief Executive had commissioned a review of the management structures and processes relevant to this specific project from Crown Management Services (CMS).
- 5. In May 2014 a new interim Director of CES and Assistant Director of Transport, Highways and Waste were appointed and have been responding to the need for a more structured and robust management processes, in addition to the issues identified by the above strands of work.

- 6. As part of the process the Director of CES brought a report to the Council's Management Team (CMT) for consideration of proposals for delivering brown field and infrastructure projects. The status of this report is a management discussion document for the Council's Management Team, it includes a number of specific staffing and cost issues which the management team was asked to consider.
- 7. Subsequent to the discussion of the report by CMT on 12 November 2014, the Council's Audit and Governance Committee has requested a report as to the outcome of the CMS report and the Council has received a Freedom of Information request for the management discussion document.
- 8. In light of the confidential contents of the management discussion document it was released by the Director of CES in redacted form due to the confidential nature of some of the contents.
- 9. In order that this committee can contextualise the management discussion document in the evolution of the management of projects, the latest draft of the report which is due to be considered by Audit and Governance is also included at **Annex B**. It should be noted that due to later date of the Audit and Governance Committee this is not the final version of the report that Audit and Governance will be asked to formally consider.

Consultation

10. No Consultation has been necessary for this report.

Options

11. There are no options associated with this report.

Council Plan

12. This report has no implications for the Council Plan.

Implications

- 13. **Financial:** There are no financial implications associated with this report.
- 14. **Human Resources (HR):** There are no HR implications associated with this report.

- 15. **Equalities:** There are no equalities issues associated with this report.
- 16. Legal there are no equalities issues associated with this report.

Risk Management

17. There are no risks associated with this report.

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Specialist Implications Officer(s): None		
Wards Affected: Guildhall		All
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None

Annexes

Background Papers:

Annex A Brownfield and Infrastructure report redacted

Annex B Audit & Governance Committee Report - Lendal Bridge Trial