

# CAMBRIDGE CITY COUNCIL

## Record of Executive Decision

### Byron's Pool Fish Pass Project

**Decision of:** Councillor Blair Executive Councillor for Climate Change and Growth

**Reference:** 10/Env/U4

**Date of decision:** 24rd August 2010 **Recorded on:** 31<sup>th</sup> August 2010

**Decision Type:** Non Key Decision

**Matter for Decision:** The Executive Councillor is recommended to approve an options clause in the tender documents to facilitate delivery of all, or options of the project, subject to tenders received and the overall contract value, using the remaining Housing Growth Fund monies.

**Why the decision had to be made (and any alternative options):** Officers worked hard to seek alternative funding for committed projects and to deliver the Fish Pass Project (phase 2) within the constraints of the new funding allocation. Subsequently the funding remaining for the fish pass construction after other elements of the Biodiversity Project had been delivered, was greatly reduced.

A planning application has also been submitted to South Cambridgeshire District Council (as the development site falls within their administrative boundary).

The delivery of the project is subject to Environment Agency consent and Planning Permission being granted.

The timescale for delivery (construction) of the project is constrained by winter flooding, the likely disturbance to amphibians and the HGF delivery deadline. The window for construction is Mid-November 2010 to end of January 2011. If delayed beyond this time subsequent phases can't be started until September 2011.

An open tender process is proposed. Known companies specialising in environmental river restoration projects will be made aware of an advertisement to be placed on Cambridge City

Council's website.

To allow sufficient time for preparation of tenders, as stated under Cambridge City Council's procurement rules, and to complete the project within the constraints listed above, officers intend to issue the tender advert by end of August 2010.

**The Executive Councillor's decision(s):** Agreed to approve an options clause in the tender documents to facilitate delivery of all, or options of the project, subject to tenders received and the overall contract value, using the remaining Housing Growth Fund monies.

**Reasons for the decision:** Cambridge City Council will lose the HGF monies allocated for this project if it is not completed by the 31<sup>st</sup> March 2011.

**Scrutiny consideration:** The Chair and Spokesperson of Environment Scrutiny Committee were consulted prior to the action being authorised.

**Report:** A report detailing the background and financial considerations is attached.

**Conflicts of interest:** None

**Comments:**