



Report to:	Development Committee
Subject:	Renewing the Routes Programme :Procurement of Contractor
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1	Relevant Background Information
1.1	The ongoing Renewing the Routes Programme has delivered local regeneration projects at targeted locations across the arterial routes of Belfast since 2004. The programme has facilitated the investment of approximately £6.5million across these key routes and neighbourhoods.
1.2	In February 2012, the Committee agreed a four year rolling programme for the continuation of local regeneration across the target areas of the city (Appendix 1).
1.3	The four year rolling programme is mid way through delivery. We are currently on site on Newtownards Road (£150,000) from Bridge End to Witham St and on Ormeau Road (£150,000) from Ormeau Embankment to Ravenhill Road Roundabout. The next phases of the agreed programme will cover Oldpark Road/Andersonstown Road, Lisburn Road/Castlereagh Road and York Street/Shankill Road.
1.4	In addition to the programmed activity, resources have been secured from DSD for both the Newtownards Road (£155,000) and Lower Ormeau Road/Cromac Street (£155,000). Construction contracts are in place to enable works to be carried out in the existing areas and the Oldpark Road/Andersonstown Road Nodes.
1.5	The purpose of this report is to request delegated authority to invite tenders for construction related design services and construction contracts for carrying out works across all the remaining areas identified as part of the Renewing the Routes Programme.

2	Key Issues
2.1	The Renewing the Routes team will work in liaison with Project Management

	Unit of Property and Projects Department who will manage the procurement of necessary construction related design services and construction contracts. The delegated authority for the procurement of proposed works will enable the project management unit to put in place the appropriate services to allow for the carrying out of works across all areas and the subsequent administration of the contracts.
2.2	To support the ongoing activity and successful implementation of the future programme, committee is requested to approve the invitation of tenders for construction related design services and construction contracts. These are required for the carrying out of the works across all the areas identified and the award of contracts to those firms submitting the tenders which are evaluated as being the most economically advantageous in terms of quality and cost criteria, in accordance with Council procurement guidelines.
2.3	The contracts for which permission is being sought will also provide the capacity for Council to deliver works that may be funded from external sources such as the Belfast Regeneration Office (BRO) should additional capital funding become available. As in the case of previous additional capital funding, any works carried out in partnership with external organisations will be on the basis of no cost to Council and subject to separate Committee approval.

3	Resource Implications
3.1	There are no additional resource implications attached to this report

4	Equality and Good Relations Considerations
4.1	There are no equality and good relations considerations attached to this report

5	Recommendations
5.1	It is recommended that Members approve the invitation of tenders for construction related design services and measure term contracts for the carrying out of the works across all the areas identified and the award of contracts to those firms submitting the tenders which are evaluated as being the most economically advantageous in terms of quality and cost criteria, in accordance with Council procurement guidelines.

6	Decision Tracking
	There is no decision tracking attached to this report.

7	Key to Abbreviations
	BRO - Belfast Regeneration Office

8	Documents Attached
	Appendix 1 – Renewing the Routes Target Areas 2012-2016

Appendix 1: Approved Renewing the Routes Programme Areas 2012-2016

Year	Area	Road	Location
2012/13	South	Ormeau Rd £150,000	Ormeau Embankment to roundabout at Ravenhill Rd
	East	Newtownards Rd £150,000	Bridge End to Witham Street
2013/14	North	Oldpark Rd £150,000	Extended area from Oldpark Avenue to Cliftondene Crescent
	West	Andersonstown Rd £150,000	Hillhead Crescent to Suffolk Rd
2014/15	South	Lisburn Rd £150,000	Bradbury Place to Tates Avenue
	East	Castlereagh Rd £150,000	Beersbridge Rd to Grand Parade
2015/16	North	York Rd £150,000	Fife Street to York Street
	West	Shankill Rd £150,000	Peters Hill to Agnes Street