

At this point Councillor C Martin declared a financial interest in the following item as an employee of Network Rail and left the meeting. Councillor Mahoney took the chair.

EX121. REDDING ROAD RAILWAY BRIDGE

The Executive considered a report by the Director of Development Services seeking authority to enter into a contract to effect the design and construction works required at Redding Road railway bridge.

Proposals were set out for the Council to contract with Network Rail to have the necessary design and construction works at the Redding Road railway bridge including the replacement of the bridge deck carried out. The project would be undertaken utilising Network Rail's framework contractors for the Edinburgh to Glasgow Improvement Programme (EGIP).

The proposed arrangement required the Council to enter directly into a formal contract with Network Rail and it was considered that the arrangement represented best value. In accordance with Contract Standing Order 5.8, the Chief Governance Officer, in consultation with the Chief Finance Officer and the Chief Executive had given specific exemption from requirement to competitively tender this contract on the basis of special circumstances outlined in the report.

Decision

The Executive:-

- (1) noted the exemption from the requirement for competition granted by the Chief Governance Officer in consultation with the Chief Finance Officer and the Chief Executive in respect of this contract, and**
- (2) agreed to enter into a contract with Network Rail which will effect the design and construction works required at Redding Road railway bridge.**