



DECISION RECORD

Service Reference Number	MP&I-2025-061
Decision Maker	Gill Osgerby, Interim Assistant Director, Major Projects & Infrastructure
Delegated Authority	<i>Officer</i> exercising delegated powers pursuant to paragraph 18.1 of the Council's Constitution and minute 17 of the Cabinet Meeting held 25 July 2022.
Decision:	<p><u>Public Realm Upgrades Princes Dock Street and Humber Dock Street, Kingston Upon Hull (YORtender (Merzell) Ref. 95219)</u></p> <p>To authorise the appointment of C.R. Reynolds Limited, Redcliff Court, Redcliff Road, Hessle, England, HU13 0EY (Company Registration No. 01772197) through a 'direct award' on the YorCivils3 Framework Lot 2, for the delivery of Public Realm improvement works to Humber Dock Street and Princes Dock Street, as part of the Hull City Centre Public Realm Scheme, at a cost of £3,935,397.49 (YORtender (Merzell) Ref. 95219).</p> <p>To enter into an NEC Engineering and Construction Contract (Option A) with C.R. Reynolds Limited, Redcliff Court, Redcliff Road, Hessle, England, HU13 0EY (Company Registration No. 01772197) to undertake the works described above, on terms to be agreed in consultation with the Director of Legal Services and Partnerships.</p>
Reasons for the Decision:	<p>Delivery of the Public Realm improvements to Princes Dock Street and Humber Dock Street requires specialist input that is not currently available in-house.</p> <p>As per Minute 17 of the Cabinet meeting held on 25 July 2022, Members approved adding a programme of Public Realm improvements to High Street, Princes Dock Street and Humber Dock Street to the Highways Capital Programme 2022-2025 and approved acceptance of £4.42m grant funding from National Highways to be utilised by the Council for the delivery of such works. This was combined with £1m previously approved by the Council, providing a total budget of £5.42m.</p> <p>In 2023 an open tender process was undertaken through the Council's YorTender electronic portal in order to appoint a design consultant for the scheme. The contract was awarded to LDA Design Consulting Ltd (Decision Record ADMPI-A-2023-290).</p> <p>Following this, a fully compliant 'direct award' tender process was undertaken by the Council through the YorCivils3 Framework Lot 2, which identified C.R. Reynolds Limited, Redcliff Court, Redcliff Road, Hessle, England, HU13 0EY (Company Registration No. 01772197) as the next contractor on rotation.</p> <p>The framework allows for a 2 stages procurement process whereby the Contractor is appointment to provide Early Contractor Involvement Services in advance of a final</p>

submission in relation to the works being commissioned. C R Reynolds were appointed to deliver Early Contractor Involvement through an NEC Professional Services Contract (Option E) in September 2024 (YorTender Reference Number 89760). Early Contractor Involvement included supporting the design team to finalise designs and place material orders.

This report now seeks approval to proceed with the appointment of **C.R. Reynolds Limited, Redcliff Court, Redcliff Road, Hessle, England, HU13 0EY (Company Registration No. 01772197)** into formal contract for delivery of improvement works to Humber Dock Street and Princes Dock Street through an NEC Engineering and Construction Contract (Option A), at a cost of **£3,935,397.49**.

This will enable the Contractor to carry out the following works:

- Public realm enhancements for Princes Dock Street and Humber Dock Street, including comprehensive surveys and site investigations. To include:
 - Creation of high-quality public spaces through improved pedestrian footways and dockside areas;
 - New permanent footway build-outs on Princes Dock Street to enhance pedestrian flow and safety;
 - Upgraded pedestrian and cycling accessibility, soft landscaping to enrich the urban environment, and the installation of public art and heritage interpretation features reflecting the site's cultural significance;
 - Lighting upgrades and new street furniture to enhance functionality and visual appeal;
 - New power supplies and installing new mooring bollards along Hull Marina.

Nature of Decision:

Non-Key

Non-key as a result of key decision taken at Cabinet on 25 July 2022, Minute 17 refers.

Exemptions

Is the accompanying formal report (or other documentation where applicable) exempt?

Not Applicable

Background and Supporting Information:

The Hull City Centre Public Realm Scheme – Princes Dock Street, Humber Dock Street and High Street is central to realising the Council's Public Realm Strategy (2014) and complementing the wider Hull Maritime programme and the objectives of the Council's City Plan and Community Plan.

£5.42m of funding has been secured from National Highways from the Designated Fund associated with the improvements being undertaken as part of the A63 Castle Street scheme and the Council's capital programme, in order that three city centre streets can be enhanced. These improvements will be consistent and complementary to previous and ongoing public realm improvements, aimed at creating attractive, engaging and flexible spaces.

The Public Realm improvement scheme seeks to deliver a wide range of improvements to Humber Dock Street, Princes Dock Street and High Street, including:

- Creating a high-quality public realm for pedestrians and cyclists, aligned to current standards and best practice and consistent with ongoing investment in the city centre.

- The creation of safe, welcoming and flexible public space which attracts visitors and extends dwell time and supports a range of public events.
- Mitigating the impacts created by the proximity to the heavily trafficked A63 Castle Street.
- Improved heritage interpretation, wayfinding, and the incorporation of public art.
- Management of vehicular activities including protection of the public realm from illegal motor vehicle access.
- Accounting for Protect legislation, criteria and best practice.
- Reducing street clutter and introducing improved street furniture including seating, lighting and incidental play.
- Improved signage, pedestrian information displays and way-finding.

Due to the nature of the three sites, works to Humber Dock Street and Princes Dock Street have been separated from works to High Street to create two distinct packages of works, and have been procured separately to ensure that the works can be delivered as efficiently as possible.

A fully compliant 'direct award' tender process has been undertaken by the Council through the YorCivils3 Framework Lot 2, which identified **C.R. Reynolds Limited, Redcliff Court, Redcliff Road, Hessle, England, HU13 0EY (Company Registration No. 01772197)** as the next contractor on rotation. We now require a Decision Record to enter into a Engineering and Construction Contract with C R Reynolds, for delivery of the main works.

Equalities Impact Information:

Does the decision have relevance to equality or affect any group with protected characteristics?

YES

An Equality Impact Assessment has been completed for the proposed works, and the scheme has been designed in consultation with the Council's Equality Access Manager and the Hull Access & Inclusion Group (HAIG).

The EIA notes that the scheme has potential impacts for two protected characteristics groups – age, and disability – and also considers impacts for economically disadvantaged users.

The scheme comprises quality of life improvements to the existing public realm that will benefit all users of the areas being developed. Where changes to layouts or navigable spaces have been designed, these have been done in consultation to ensure that surfacing materials, footway widths, paving trims, street furniture, wayfinding, etc., are inclusive and accessible. This includes ensuring that alterations to carriageway layouts do not reduce disabled parking provision.

Contact Officer: Rod Cook, Assistant Capital Programme Manager.

Chief Officer Comments

Comments of the Assistant Director of Legal Services and Governance (Monitoring Officer)

The Council is under a funding agreement with National Highways to deliver Public Realm improvements to Princes Dock Street and Humber Dock Street.

The YORCivil 3 framework (Framework) was established following a process fully compliant with the Public Contracts Regulations 2015. As the decision record stated under the Framework, CR Reynolds Limited were next in line for a direct award. The Council appointed CR Reynolds Limited for early contractor involvement services aimed at de-risking the scheme. This part of the scheme is proposed to be awarded following that process and should therefore enable the Council to achieve best value as required under section 3 of the Local Government Act 1999. Awarding this contract should enable the Council to discharge its funding obligations. [BC]

Comments of the Director of Finance and Transformation (Section 151 Officer)

The S151 Officer supports the contract award and can confirm that funding is available within the approved Capital Programme to support the delivery of the scheme. (MA)

Comments of the Assistant Director of Organisation Development & Human Resources and compliance with the equality act

The content of the report is noted. There are no staffing or equality issues arising for the council from this decision. KH

Comments of the Portfolio Holder for Transportation, Roads and Highways (Councillor Ieronimo)

I support this decision. This project will enhance pedestrian and cycling accessibility, create high quality public spaces and enrich the urban environment with soft landscaping and public art. The upgrades, including lighting, street furniture and new mooring bollards will improve the functionality and visual appeal of these areas, benefiting the community and visitors alike. MI

Scrutiny Comments

This decision has not been subject to pre-decision scrutiny. (Ref, Sc8668 (FH))

Exceptional Circumstances

Is the decision record currently exempt from publication at the point of decision?	No
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If yes, what date can the decision record be made public?	Not applicable.
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Reason the decision record is exempt from publication at the point of decision:
Not applicable.

Signature of Decision Maker:

Signed: **Signature Confirmed**

Date signed: 26/03/2025	
FOR COMPLETION BY THE SCRUTINY OFFICE:	
Date published on CMIS:	...27.03.25...
Can the decision be called in?	No
Date decision comes into force:	...27.03.25... ...