

**REPORT TO:** Cabinet Member -Technical Services  
**DATE:** 13<sup>th</sup> January 2010  
**SUBJECT:** Southport Parking Signage, Phase 2 – Variable Message Signs  
**WARDS AFFECTED:** Southport  
**REPORT OF:** Andy Wallis – Director of Planning & Economic Regeneration  
**CONTACT OFFICER:** Andrew Sawyer – Project Leader – Capita Symonds - Ext 4273  
**EXEMPT/  
CONFIDENTIAL:** No

**PURPOSE/SUMMARY:**

To seek approval to accept a Tender for the supply and installation of 18 No. Variable Message Signs in and around Southport Town Centre.

**REASON WHY DECISION REQUIRED:**

Now that the Tender process has been completed and the Tenders have been assessed, the successful Contractor needs to be appointed to deliver the works.

**RECOMMENDATION(S):**

1. It is recommended that approval be given to the acceptance of the Tender received from Dambach UK Ltd dated 25<sup>th</sup> October 2009 in the value of £190,652.75.
2. The Legal Director be requested to prepare a formal contract with the successful Tenderer.

**KEY DECISION:** No

**FORWARD PLAN:** N/A

**IMPLEMENTATION DATE:** Following the expiry of the 'call in' period for the minutes of the meeting

**ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS:**

None

**IMPLICATIONS:****Budget/Policy Framework:****Financial:**

<b><u>CAPITAL EXPENDITURE</u></b>	<b>2006/ 2007 £</b>	<b>2007/ 2008 £</b>	<b>2008/ 2009 £</b>	<b>2009/ 2010 £</b>
Gross Increase in Capital Expenditure				
Funded by:				
Sefton Capital Resources				
Specific Capital Resources (LTP)				
<b><u>REVENUE IMPLICATIONS</u></b>				
Gross Increase in Revenue Expenditure				
Funded by:				
Sefton funded Resources				
Funded from External Resources				
Does the External Funding have an expiry date? Y/N	N/A			
How will the service be funded post expiry?	N/A			

**Legal:**

Legal Services will need to ensure the necessary legal arrangements required to appoint the Contractor are put in place.

**Risk Assessment:**

N/A

**Asset Management:**

N/A

**CONSULTATION UNDERTAKEN/VIEWS**

The Finance Director has been consulted and his comments have been incorporated into the report, FD236.

**CORPORATE OBJECTIVE MONITORING:**

<u>Corporate Objective</u>		<u>Positive Impact</u>	<u>Neutral Impact</u>	<u>Negative Impact</u>
1	Creating a Learning Community		✓	
2	Creating Safe Communities	✓		
3	Jobs and Prosperity		✓	
4	Improving Health and Well-Being	✓		
5	Environmental Sustainability	✓		
6	Creating Inclusive Communities		✓	
7	Improving the Quality of Council Services and Strengthening local Democracy	✓		
8	Children and Young People		✓	

#### **LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS RELIED UPON IN THE PREPARATION OF THIS REPORT**

Please refer to the report made to Cabinet Member – Technical Services on 2<sup>nd</sup> December 2009, Subject: 2009/10 Local Transport Plan – Revised Transportation Capital Programme, Paragraph 5.1 Item Y – Southport Parking Signage. The financial allocations include both elements of the scheme, the Variable Message Signage (VMS) and the Advanced Directional Signage (ADS).

## **1.0 BACKGROUND:**

1.1 It had been recognised for some time that the existing parking signage for Southport Town Centre required updating with many units in need of replacement. As a result, in 2005 Sefton Council commissioned its Design Services and UTC Department (now Capita Symonds) to review the current signage system and to recommend a package of signage that would help to co-ordinate all the town centre parking signage with that for the park and ride sites at Kew, Esplanade, and Fairways. Phase 1 of the scheme has already been delivered. This involved the introduction of new VMS signage as part of the Chapel Street Scheme and new signage to promote the three Southport Park and Ride sites. Phase 2 of the scheme will complete the package of signs required to fully co-ordinate the town centre car parking and the park and ride sites. The scheme consists of two elements of signage, Variable Message Signage (VMS) and the Advanced Directional Signage (ADS).

1.2 Tenders for the VMS element of Phase 2 of the scheme were issued on 8<sup>th</sup> October 2009. Three specialist sign manufacturers were invited to tender. Their names, in alphabetical order are as follows: -

- Dambach UK Ltd
- Siemens Traffic Controls
- Variable Message Signs Ltd

1.3 During the tender period two of the three manufacturers (Siemens Traffic Controls and Variable Message Signs Ltd) declared their intention not to submit a tender. One tender was received from Dambach UK Ltd dated 25<sup>th</sup> October in the value of £190,652.75. Dambach UK Ltd has won all three previous competitive tenders for VMS supply and installation in Sefton, including the first phase of the Southport Town Centre parking signage described above.

## **2.0 RECOMMENDTION**

2.1 It is recommended that approval be given to the acceptance of the Tender received from Dambach UK Ltd dated 25<sup>th</sup> October 2009 in the value of £190,652.75.

2.2 The Legal Director be requested to prepare a formal contract with the successful Tenderer.