
REPORT TO:	HOUSING & COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE	AGENDA ITEM:	(
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SUBJECT:	PROGRESS REPORT & PROCUREMENT STRATEGY - MAURICE LEA MEMORIAL PARK	REF:	revisedmlpoc7
WARD(S) AFFECTED:	CHURCH GRESLEY, CASTLE GRESLEY & SWADLINCOTE	TERMS OF REFERENCE:	HCS07

1.0 Recommendations

- 1.1 That Members note the progress being made with the project.
- 1.2 That Members approve the Procurement Strategy as outlined in the report.

2.0 Purpose of Report

- 2.1 To inform Members of the progress being made with the project to restore the Park
- 2.2 To outline the approach to work procurement in what is multi-disciplined and relatively high value contract.

3.0 Detail

Background

- 3.1 At the meeting on the 5th February 2004, Members were informed of the excellent news that the Council's Stage 2 bid to the Heritage Lottery Fund (HLF) for the Restoration of Maurice Lea Memorial Park had been successful. Members approved that the offer of grant aid be accepted and a formal contract entered into to deliver a restoration project to the value of £977,033.
- 3.2 At the meeting on the 20th May 2004, Members approved a recommendation that consultants be appointed to provide professional services in the implementation of restoration works within the Park.

Progress

- 3.3 Since being appointed, consultants have undertaken a series of design and cost checks to ensure that design proposals outlined in the Stage 2 bid document are achievable. No anomalies have been found.

- 3.4 Efforts have continued to bridge the partnership-funding gap for this project. In late September the excellent news was received that the Council had been successful in its bid to Waste Recycling Environmental (WREN) and had been awarded £25,000 towards the restoration of the Park's ornamental gates. In June 2004, £20,000 of section 106 monies was also allocated to the project leaving the gap between secured and unsecured funding at £17,533.20. Efforts will continue to be made to bridge this gap and also to fund the elements of the project identified as ineligible by the HLF.
- 3.5 A public meeting has been arranged at a local venue for the 12th October 2004. This meeting is intended to apprise the local community of progress and to continue the process of community involvement in the delivery and, just as importantly, the future management of the project.

Approach to Contractor Procurement

- 3.6 As Members will be aware the restoration project contains various elements of hard and soft landscaping and also a substantial amount of architectural iron works. Identifying the correct procurement route for these elements is vital in ensuring the successful delivery of the project.
- 3.7 In summary, the overall approach to the project will be to employ an experienced landscape contractor as the main contractor with a specialist ironworks fabricator as nominated sub contractor. Ad hoc lists for these contractors will be produced in accordance with the Council's Contract Procedure Rules.
- 3.8 Of the total estimated contract value of £660,000, £350,000 has been allocated for architectural ironworks.
- 3.9 All firms expressing an interest in both areas of work will be invited to complete a Pre – Qualification Questionnaire (PQQ). Compliant PQQ's will be scored against a scoring matrix from which a select list of six contractors will be formed. A copy of the PQQ and scoring matrix can be found in Annexe A.
- 3.10 The above outlined procurement strategy also meets the criteria of the HLF for subjecting work to competition.
- 3.11 A full project programme can be found in Annexe B

4.0 Financial Implications

- 4.1 As Members will be aware, the Council's contribution to this project has already been approved and allowed for in future budgets.

5.0 Corporate Implications

- 5.1 The procurement strategy proposed is in line with the Council's Financial Regulations and Contract Procedure Rules.

6.0 Community Implications

- 6.1 As identified in clause 3.5 above community involvement in the delivery and future management of the site is essential. The main vehicle for achieving this will be the 10-year Management Plan for the site that is being developed concurrently with the delivery of the project.

7.0 Conclusions

- 7.1 The approval of this procurement strategy will ensure that suitably qualified and competent contractors are selected to submit tenders, which is vital for the successful delivery of the project.

8.0 Background Papers

Housing & Community Services Committee Report, 5th February 2004 and Annual Council Report 20th May 2004

