

TRANSPORT AND NEIGHBOURHOODS PORTFOLIO DECISION RECORD

20 January 2012

The meeting commenced at 3.30 pm in the Civic Centre, Hartlepool

Present:

Councillor: Pamela Hargreaves (Transport and Neighbourhoods Portfolio Holder)

Officers: Dave Stubbs, Director of Regeneration and Neighbourhoods
Alastair Smith, Assistant Director, Transport and Engineering
Dave Wilson, Engineering Consultancy Manager
Angela Armstrong, Principal Democratic Services Officer

12. Town Wall Coast Protection Scheme - Contractor Procurement *(Assistant Director, Transport and Engineering)*

Type of decision

Non key.

Purpose of report

To seek approval for early procurement of a Contractor, on a Price / Quality basis, to facilitate Contractor contribution to the detailed design process, and subsequent construction subject to necessary approvals.

Issue(s) for consideration by Portfolio Holder

The report provided the background to the scheme and details of the consultation undertaken. The Engineering Consultancy Manager outlined the quality orientated benefits offered by the early appointment of a contractor.

The Portfolio Holder sought clarification on the initial financial implications of the scheme. The Engineering Consultancy Manager indicated that the contractor would be reimbursed on a cost basis for his contribution to the design process and this element of the contract was not expected to exceed £2,000. In addition to this, the terms of the contract will provide that if no construction works proceeded, there would be no compensation payable to the contractor. In response to a question from the Portfolio Holder, the Engineering Consultancy Manager confirmed that the progression of the design works would be monitored with all costs payable to the contractor

evidenced and documented.

A discussion ensued on the price:quality ratio and whether, given the economic climate this should be a 40:60 split. The Engineering Consultancy Manager indicated that this type of contract was valued based on cost, and the cost element of the procurement process was to include base cost rates in the selection process. It was confirmed that a 40:60 split may be the most appropriate way forward for this contract at this particular time.

It was noted that the consultation process around the implementation of this scheme had heavily involved residents of the area and the Portfolio Holder emphasised the necessity for this to continue throughout the contract. The Engineering Consultancy Manager confirmed that liaison with residents will form part of the contractors obligations.

Decision

- (i) Officers were authorised to procure a Contractor for the Town Wall Coast Protection on a price:quality ratio of 40% price to 60% quality.
- (ii) That a presentation of the final detailed design of the set back wall be given to Cabinet for approval before any construction work on the set-back wall commenced.

13. Waste Management – Stockton/Hartlepool Study (Assistant Director, Neighbourhood Services)

Type of decision

Non key.

Purpose of report

To update the Portfolio Holder on the outcome of a feasibility study undertaken in conjunction with Stockton Borough Council to explore what, if any, opportunities there may be in terms of an integrated Management service delivery.

Issue(s) for consideration by Portfolio Holder

The report advised on the outcome of the study. It identified the differences between the two Local Authorities in terms of direct service delivery and the savings achieved to date within each Local Authority.

In view of the different working practices between the two Local Authorities the Portfolio Holder questioned, whether there were any areas/working practices that Hartlepool could learn from. The Director of Regeneration and

Neighbourhoods indicated that one area of efficiency was already proposed and this was to suspend the brown bin collection during the winter months and consideration was also being given to a move to a 4 day working week for refuse collection operatives. The Portfolio Holder commented that the process of exploring the operations of neighbouring authorities, confirmed that the services provided in Hartlepool were efficient and effective that other local authorities could learn from.

Decision

The Portfolio Holder noted the report.

The meeting concluded at 3.43 pm.

PETER DEVLIN

CHIEF SOLICITOR

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