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BOROUGH COUNCIL

EXECUTIVE MEMBER DECISION MAKING (POLICY & RESOURCES)

Date: Tuesday, 9 September 2014

Time: 10:45 am

Venue: Executive Meeting Area - Civic Offices

Executive Member: Councillor S D T Woodward, Executive Leader



1. Report Published

To consider the following matters for decision for which reports have been published:-

Non-Key Decision(s)

- (1) Award of Tender - River Wallington Bank Repairs at Broadcut** (Pages 1 - 6)
- (2) Attendance at High Street Renewal and Reconfiguration Conference** (Pages 7 - 8)

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Report to the Executive Member for Policy and Resources for Decision

Portfolio:	Policy and Resources
Subject:	Mini-Competition for River Wallington bank repairs at Broadcut
Report of:	Director of Environmental Services
Strategy/Policy:	A dynamic, prudent, progressive and best value Council.
Corporate Objective:	

Purpose:

This report considers the tender received for reconstruction of the river bank of the River Wallington alongside the Council Depot and recommends an award of contract for the works.

Executive Member Summary:

At its meeting in April 2014, the Executive approved a project for reconstruction of the river bank of the River Wallington alongside the Council Depot to counter the effects of erosion. This report provides the Executive Member with information regarding the tender received for these works and seeks an award of contract.

Recommendation:

That a contract be awarded to Balfour Beatty for the works. Confidential appendix A provides financial information.

Reason:

To protect the Council assets from further potential damage.

Cost of Proposals:

Confidential appendix A provides financial information.

Appendices: Executive Briefing Paper Tender Prices (Confidential Appendix A)

Background papers: Report to the executive for Decision 07 April 2014 Broadcut Depot- Boundary Wall

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Executive Briefing Paper

Date: 27th August 2014

Subject: Mini-Competition for River Wallington bank repairs at Broadcut

Briefing by: Director of Environmental Services

Portfolio: Policy and Resources

INTRODUCTION

1. At its meeting in April 2014, the Executive approved a report with regard to the reconstruct the river bank of the River Wallington alongside the Council Depot after erosion due to excessive rainfall.
2. This report also included for works to remove the existing boundary wall to the Depot site and replace with a metal palisade fence.
3. An application was made for a 'one off' bid to the Treasury by Defra and the Environment Agency for additional funding for these works by Eastern Solent Coastal Partnership.

TENDERS

4. A detailed design and specification was prepared by Eastern Solent Coastal Partnership which also included addition work to repair the section of brick to the river bank south of the adjoining bridge.
5. Tenders were requested electronically from the five contractors on the existing Eastern Solent Coastal Partnership Civil Engineering Framework.
6. A single tender return was received from Balfour Beatty. Two tenderers declined to tender and no response was received from the other two companies.
7. The tender from Balfour Beatty was found to comply with the requirements of the design & specification.
8. With all contractors on the Eastern Solent Coastal Partnership Civil Engineering Framework having previously been evaluated for quality and service, evaluation was on a cost only basis. Financial details on the tender received are contained in confidential appendix A.

RISK ASSESSMENT

7. In accordance with the requirements of the Construction (Design and Management) Regulations 2007 (CDM) a CDM co-ordinator will be appointed to ensure effective health and safety procedures are implemented.
8. The works are at risk of disruption, damage and delay due to high water levels. The works will need to be carefully programmed to ensure that these risks are minimized.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

9. The majority of the works will be funded as per the original report and therefore from the Council's capital fund.
10. The Environment Agency has confirmed that the council has been successful in an application for funding of up to £50,000 towards this project.
11. The difference in funding for this project will be met from the previously agreed budget for Depot Improvement Works.

CONCLUSION

11. It is recommended that the contract for the reconstruction of the river bank of the River Wallington alongside the Council Depot is awarded to Balfour Beatty Limited.

By virtue of paragraph(s) 3 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A
of the Local Government Act 1972.

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Report to the Executive Member for Policy, and Resources for Decision

Portfolio:	Policy and Resources
Subject:	Attendance at High Street Renewal and Reconfiguration Conference
Report of:	Director of Planning and Development
Strategy/Policy:	
Corporate Objective:	

Purpose:

This report seeks approval for the Executive Member for Planning and Development to attend the High Street Renewal and Reconfiguration Conference, to be held on 3 February 2015 in Central London.

Executive summary:

The conference will be a timely opportunity to discuss latest thinking on best practice and policy priorities for revitalising Britain's high streets and town centres.

The discussion will take place in the context of a range of Government initiatives including:

- The Small Business, Enterprise and Employment Bill, which aims to improve access to finance and reduce red tape for growing small businesses;
- Wider implementation of the Retail Strategy, which sets out plans to strengthen partnerships between the Government and the retail sector;
- Planning system improvements being implemented through the National Planning Policy Framework and the Chancellor's proposed consultation on retail use class announced in this year's Budget;
- Discounts to tax bills for small retailers announced earlier this year;
- The impact of Employment Allowances on small business and retail sector growth;
- Findings from a recent Future High Streets Forum study identifying leadership as a key factor in boosting high street regeneration; and
- Next steps for meeting the needs of consumers, following an in-depth study which credits 'convenience culture' with driving a recent high street revival.

Discussion will also be informed by a recently published Business, Innovation and Skills Committee report on the retail sector, which recommended a 'wholesale review' of business rates.

The conference will bring together key policymakers with local authorities, retailers and other businesses, planners, town centre management teams, the third sector and other key stakeholders.

Recommendation:

That approval is given for the Executive Member for Planning and Development to attend the High Street Renewal and Reconfiguration Conference, to be held on 3 February 2015 in Central London.

Reason:

This seminar will present an opportunity to engage with key policymakers and other interested parties.

Speakers and attendees are expected to be a senior and informed group numbering around 120, including Members of both Houses of Parliament, senior government officials involved in this area of policy, representatives from local authorities, businesses and their advisors, experts from the planning and legal professions, community and civic groups, campaigning organisations, and academics and commentators, together with reporters from the national and trade press.

Cost of Proposals:

The cost for attendance at this conference is £210 + VAT; travel and appropriate subsistence costs would also be payable.

The costs can be met from within existing budgets.

Risk Assessment:

There are no significant risks in relation to the Executive Member for Planning and Development to attend the High Street Renewal and Reconfiguration Conference, to be held on 3 February 2015 in Central London.