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BOROUGH COUNCIL

Report to the Executive Member for Planning and Development

Portfolio:	Planning and Development
Subject:	Portchester Castle to Paulsgrove Coastal Defence Scheme Outline Design: Award of Contract
Report of:	Director of Planning and Development
Strategy/Policy:	Fareham Borough Local Plan/ Core Strategy
Corporate Objective:	Protecting and Enhancing our Environment

Purpose:

This report considers the tenders received for the provision of professional services consultancy support and recommends an award of contract for the works.

Executive summary:

The approvals and funding are now in place from the Environment Agency to initiate and undertake option appraisal and select a preferred option for the Portchester Castle to Paulsgrove Coastal Defence Scheme.

This report provides the Executive Member with information regarding the evaluation of tenders received to provide professional services support and seeks an award of contract.

Recommendation:

That the tender submitted by the contractor ranked 1 (as set out in the confidential appendix A), being the most advantageous tender received, be accepted and the contract awarded to the company.

Reason:

To identify, appraise and design preferred Coastal Flood and Erosion Risk Management scheme options for the Portchester Castle to Paulsgrove frontage.

Cost of proposals:

This contract is to be fully funded from Flood and Coastal Risk Management Grant in Aid administered by the Environment Agency.

Appendices:

A: Executive Briefing Paper Tender Prices and Evaluation (*Exempt By virtue of paragraph(s) 3 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972.*)

B: Environment Agency Letter - 9 July 2015

C: Indicative Delivery Programme

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Executive Briefing Paper

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Briefing by: Director of Planning and Development

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INTRODUCTION

1. In July 2015 the Eastern Solent Coastal Partnership (ESCP), on behalf of FBC and PCC (the partner client authorities), were awarded Flood and Coastal Erosion Risk Management Grant in Aid to 'develop coastal flood and erosion risk management scheme options for the Portchester Castle to Paulsgrove coastal frontage'. The approval letter dated 9 July 2015 from the Environment Agency can be found in Appendix B.
2. FBC will assume the lead authority role for taking this project forward and use permissive powers under the Coast Protection Act 1949 and Land Drainage Act 1991. FBC will also act as 'The Employer', under the terms of the NEC3 contract.
3. The Portchester to Emsworth Coastal Strategy was approved and adopted in 2013 by the Environment Agency and partner local authorities (including Fareham Borough Council, Portsmouth City, Havant Borough Council and Chichester District Council.)
4. The next stage of this project, the 'Outline Design Stage' is critical to ensuring the delivery of coastal defences to reduce flood risks to Portchester Town Centre, the historic Castle Street, existing commercial properties and trading estates in addition to the important road network of the A27 Southampton Road and adjoining houses. The project will identify the preferred option to deliver flood and coastal erosion risk management over a 100 year period, through the optimal use of Grant-in-aid and the developer financial contribution being provided by the Trafalgar Wharf redevelopment.
5. Through studies and stakeholder engagement, this work package will identify a wide range of options which can then be appraised to develop a short list of options. The short list of options is to be used to engage with stakeholders who will help to identify the preferred option. The preferred option is then to be developed in to an Outline Design which will enable the early application for various consents and licenses.
6. In order to keep the project on programme for construction a Project Appraisal Report (PAR) will be drafted for the preferred scheme, and it is currently envisaged that the scheme will be submitted in August 2016, for an Environment Agency approval in early

September 2016. This project gateway is for the Environment Agency to approve the technical approach to outline design and confirm that the project may move onto the next stage of detailed design and construction. It is expected that the detailed design stage will commence in winter 2016 with the construction stage programmed at the earliest to commence in April 2018. The latest indicative delivery programme is included within Appendix C.

7. An invitation to tender for this project was issued on the 26th June 2015 via the South East Business Portal to the 6 suppliers listed on the Flood and Coastal Erosion Related Professional Consultancy Services Framework Agreement (ref 2011/S_247-400810 dated for use from 1st September 2011).

PROPOSAL

8. On the 24th July 2015, five tenders were received and opened by FBC's Democratic Services and Procurement Department and the tender price details are presented in the confidential appendix A.

EVALUATION PROCESS

9. The contract documents defined a pre-determined scoring mechanism whereby tenders are assessed on price and quality.
10. The tender submissions were evaluated and the scores weighted as specified in the invitation to tender. The scores and ranking for all five tenders received are represented in the confidential appendix A.
11. Tenderers were required to complete an activity schedule pro-forma in line with NEC contract requirements. This enabled officers to score the quality elements of their submission, assessing their approach to delivering the service.
12. Based on the evaluation of the tenders received, the five bids have been ranked in order of a combined cost and quality advantage to the Council. The most advantageous supplier, which achieved the highest overall combined score based on quality and cost, is recommended for the award of the contract.

RISK ASSESSMENT

13. The usual and identifiable risks initially present in this type of project have been mitigated through the council's rigorous and structured procurement process.
14. All suppliers have undergone all of the checks associated for the provision of this type of professional services consultancy support in order to be part of the Flood and Coastal Erosion Related Professional Consultancy Services Framework Agreement (ref 2011/S_247-400810 dated for use from 1st September 2011).
15. A project risk exists regarding the award of this contract before the end of the framework which is due to expire on 31st August 2015. ESCP has put measures in place to mitigate this risk including liaison with FBC procurement and legal services and ensuring approvals are programmed and prioritised.
16. The appointed consultant will work as part of an integrated team within the Eastern Solent Coastal Partnership and regular monitoring, reporting and project progress

meetings will be held during the course of the commission to reduce potential risks.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

17. The charges associated with this contract will be wholly financed from Flood and Coastal Erosion Risk Management Grant in Aid (FCERM GiA). ESCP will continue to work collaboratively with Fareham Borough Council Finance Team to ensure that all appropriate claims are made in relation to Flood and Coastal Erosion Risk Management (FCERM) Grant in Aid from the Environment Agency.

CONCLUSION

18. Five valid tenders were received for the provision of professional services to identify, appraise and design preferred Coastal Flood and Erosion Risk Management scheme options for the Portchester Castle to Paulsgrove coastal frontage. It is recommended that the most advantageous tender received, ranked 1st in the confidential appendix to this report, be accepted and a contract award for the agreement.