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BOROUGH COUNCIL

Report to the Executive Member for Planning and Development

Portfolio:	Planning and Development
Subject:	River Wallington Gabion Replacement Works: Award of Contract
Report of:	Director of Planning and Regulation
Strategy/Policy:	Fareham Borough Council Corporate Strategy 2011-2017
Corporate Objective:	Protect and enhance the environment, Safe and Healthy place to live and work.

Purpose:

This report considers the tenders received to undertake the works to replace the existing failing gabion retaining wall owned by Fareham Borough Council, that prevents erosion of the river bank adjacent to Wallington Shore Road and potential flooding to the village, and recommends an award of contract for the works.

Executive summary:

This report provides the Executive Member with information regarding the evaluation of tenders received to undertake the River Wallington gabion replacement works and seeks an award of contract.

Recommendation:

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

Reason:

The current erosion barrier, the lifespan of which is estimated to be less than 1 year, has reached the end of its serviceable life and has already begun to fail in places. There is a high risk of complete failure of sections of the erosion barrier under high river flow conditions, leading to erosion of FBC owned land and increased flood risk to Wallington village.

Replacing the gabion baskets will reinstate the erosion barrier on this section of the River Wallington for the next 20 years.

Cost of proposals:

This contract is to be fully funded from Fareham Borough Council's capital funds.

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: Project Timeline

Background papers: River Wallington Gabion Replacement Works Executive Report, July 2017.

Reference papers: None.

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Executive Briefing Paper

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INTRODUCTION

1. Fareham Borough Council's (FBC) coastal team, the Eastern Solent Coastal Partnership (ESCP), propose to replace the existing failing erosion barrier on the River Wallington adjacent to Wallington Shore Road.
2. FBC will assume the lead authority role for taking this project forward and use permissive powers under Section 1 of the Localism Act 2011. FBC will also act as 'The Employer', under the terms of the NEC3 contract.
3. The proposed works fall under the Fareham Borough Council Corporate Strategy 2011-2017. Specifically the Corporate Objective to: Protect and Enhance the Environment; and to ensure Fareham is a Safe and Healthy place to live and work. These objectives will be realised replacing the failing erosion barrier on a like-for-like basis, to protect FBC land, maintain road access and manage flood risk to Wallington village.
4. An invitation to tender for this project was issued on the 5th May 2017 via the South East Business Portal as part of procurement strategy lead by Portsmouth City Council's (PCC) to establish a new 'Coastal Engineering Minor Works Framework (the Framework). Fareham Borough Council utilised the previous PCC Minor Works Framework which expired in December 2016, therefore with FBC approval, the Wallington Gabion minibid was taken forwards to help procure a new framework.
5. The Framework allows FBC to call-off Contractor's services, relating to flood or coastal erosion works over the next 4 years. The Framework is divided into 3 individual lots each relating to specific work disciplines. As part of the overall evaluation of the Framework, this project was issued as part of a mini-competition under Lot 2, for Contractor's to submit a bid to be evaluated. The Framework agreement is currently being finalised, with an anticipated approval by mid October 2017.

PROPOSAL

6. On the 6th June 2017, thirteen tenders were received and opened by PCC's Procurement Department, before being passed to the ESCP for evaluation on an 80% Price, 20% Quality Basis. On examination, only eleven of these were deemed compliant. Tender price details are presented in the confidential Appendix A.

EVALUATION PROCESS

7. This projects contract documents form part of the overall evaluation of the Framework and have been evaluated in line with the Framework assessment criteria, whereby tenders are assessed on price and quality.
8. The tender submissions were evaluated and the scores weighted as specified in the invitation to tender for this project. The scores and ranking for the thirteen valid tenders received are represented in the confidential Appendix A.
9. 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.
10. Based on the evaluation of the tenders received, the eleven 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

11. The usual and identifiable risks initially present in this type of project have been mitigated through the council's rigorous and structured procurement process.
12. All suppliers have undergone all of the checks associated for the provision of this type of Contractor services in order to be part of the Framework. The Lot 2 Framework was approved at the PCC Gateway Board on the 9th August 2017.
13. Following Gateway Board and the stand-still period, the suppliers will be signed up to the Framework Agreement and then the Works contract (for the preferred supplier). In the unlikely event the preferred supplier fails to sign up to the framework, the second placed supplier would be called up to undertake these works.
14. The appointed contractor will work as part of an integrated team within the ESCP and regular monitoring, supervision and reporting will be conducted during the course of the commission to reduce potential risks.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

15. The charges associated with this contract will be wholly financed through FBC's Capital Programme. Unfortunately, the River Wallington Gabion Replacement Works do not comply with the current national funding mechanism by the Environment Agency through Grant-in-Aid.

CONCLUSIONS

16. Thirteen tenders were received for the contractor services, required for the execution of this project through the Coastal Engineering Minor Works Framework 2. Eleven were deemed compliant and it is recommended that the most advantageous tender received, ranked 1st in the confidential appendix of this report, be accepted and a contract award for the agreement.

Enquiries:

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