# FAREHAM BOROUGH COUNCIL

# Report to the Director of Finance and Resources for Decision

Portfolio:	Policy and Resources
Subject:	Award of Contract – Refurbishment of Control Tower at the
Report of:	Solent Airport
Strategy/Policy:	Director of Finance and Resources
	Corporate Strategy
Corporate Objective:	To maintain and extend prosperity
	A dynamic, prudent and progressive Council

# Purpose:

To award a contract for the refurbishment of the Control Tower at the Solent Airport.

### Executive summary:

In February 2017, the Executive approved a project to refurbish the ground floor extension at the control tower.

Phase 1, which comprised those works required to bring the main room at the western end of the control tower into use as a public viewing area, was completed in April in time for the Daedalus 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary.

Phase 2, has been designed and tendered, and is ready to commence works in January. This phase provides for the creation of a new public entrance from the car park, creation of additional car parking spaces, installation of a new gas supply and heating, new public toilets and the provision of arrival and departure facilities to allow air charters at the Solent Airport, lettable office space and an upgraded café area.

Tenders have been received for phase 2 of the project and an evaluation of these and the financial implications is presented as appendix A.

## Recommendation:

It is recommended that the contract for phase two of the refurbishment of the control tower be awarded as per the recommendation in appendix A.

### Reason:

To allow the refurbishment of the ground floor of the control tower at the Solent Airport.

# Cost of Proposals:

The costs are detailed in Appendix A and are within existing capital budgets.

An additional £30,000 has been added to fit out the refurbished ground floor extension with furniture and operational equipment as required, e.g. check in facilities.

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# **Briefing Paper**

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Briefing by: Director of Finance and Resources

## Background:

In February 2017, the Executive approved a project to refurbish the ground floor extension at the control tower.

Phase 1 which comprised those works required to bring the large room at the western end of the control tower into use as aa public viewing areas was completed in April in time for the Daedalus 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary.

Phase 2, has been designed and tendered, and is ready to commence works in January. This phase provides for the creation of a new public entrance from the car park, creation of additional car parking spaces, installation of a new gas supply and heating, new public toilets and the provision of arrival and departure facilities to allow air charters at the Solent Airport, lettable office space and an upgraded café area.

### **Procurement:**

Tenders were invited from those contractors on the Portsmouth City Council General Building Framework. Four tenders were returned and the detailed evaluation of these is presented at Appendix A.

Subsequent to the tender, amendments were identified to enable the ground floor of the control tower to also be used for air charters.

To accommodate the increase in costs for the additional works to enable air charters, a value engineering exercise was undertaken to bring the contract cost in line with that of the original tender estimate. This exercise resulted in the omission of the proposal to extend the gas fired heating system to the upper floors of the control tower, and a revised design for the construction of the car park.

The revised design for the car park results in no change to the number of car parking spaces being provided, but does allow a saving of £9,000 on the construction cost and

significantly reduces the level of disruption that will be experienced during the build process.

# Conclusion:

Tenders have been received for phase 2 of the project and an evaluation of these is presented as appendix A.

Following receipt of the tenders, amendments have been made to enable air charters to operate from the Solent Airport together with a value engineering exercise.