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BOROUGH COUNCIL

Report to the Executive for Decision 7 March 2016

Portfolio:	Policy & Resources
Subject:	Wickham Road Cemetery Wall Repairs (Revised Design)
Report of:	Director of Finance and Resources
Strategy/Policy:	
Corporate Objective:	A Safe and Healthy Place to Live and Work

Purpose:

To consider the revised Tenders received and the award of Contract for the repairs to the boundary wall at Wickham Road Cemetery.

Executive Summary:

On the 6th October 2014 the Executive Member for Streetscene approved the award of Contract to carry out remedial works but the Council were unable to agree a contract with the successful contractor. The Council's requirement has been reviewed and revised tenders obtained.

Recommendation:

That the Executive:

- (a) accepts the Tender submitted by the Contractor which achieved the best overall score, as detailed in the appended evaluation matrix; and
- (b) awards a Contract to this Company.

Reason:

To ensure the long term stability of this wall, provide safe access for the public within the site and on the adjoining footway.

Cost of proposals:

The cost of this project will be financed from existing Capital and Capital Reserves.

Appendices:

Confidential Appendix A: Tender Prices and Evaluation Matrix

Reference papers:

Report to Executive Member for Decision dated 6 October 2014.

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Executive Briefing Paper

Date:	7 March 2016
Subject:	Award of Contract – Wickham Road Cemetery Wall Repairs – (Revised Design).
Briefing by:	Director of Finance and Resources
Portfolio:	Policy & Resources

INTRODUCTION

1. This Project is to carry out extensive repairs and renovation work to an existing Listed Wall on the western boundary of the site erected in 1897. The wall consists of decorative flint and stone piers, walling and ornate railings supported by buttresses which retain an adoptable footpath adjacent to the busy A32 Wickham Road.
2. After a condition survey and report by a Structural Engineer it was determined that extensive repair and renovation works were required to rebuild a number of deflected main piers to the southern section of wall. This also included where necessary the construction of new additional intermediate support piers to stabilise sections of the lower deflected retaining wall. It was also proposed to replace damaged coping stones and repair and refurbish the decorative wrought iron feature railings to the complete wall. A Specification was developed and Tenders were obtained for these works. On the 6 October 2014 the Executive Member for Streetscene received and approved a Report for award of Contract to carry out remedial works.
3. An award of Contract letter was issued to the successful Contractor and a Pre-Contract meeting held but during the Legal process the contractor declined to enter into a formal Contract for the works. Their reasons for this decision being the risks and practicalities of undertaking the works particularly regarding the unknown construction of the lower retaining wall. After discussion arrangements were made to carry out a trial reconstruction of a single pier to fully understand and address the issues highlighted.
4. In June 2015 a single deflected main pier to the southern section of wall was successfully reconstructed including the provision of additional intermediate piers requested by the Structural Engineer at a cost of £9300.00.

REVISED TENDERS

5. Using the results of the trial reconstruction a revised design and specification was prepared and updated Tenders requested from all the Contractors in the original Tender process.
6. Revised Tenders were received in November 2015. Various points were discussed with the Contractors at subsequent Tender review meetings following which final Tender submissions were uploaded via the South East Business Portal.
7. These submissions were evaluated and scored against a pre-determined scoring mechanism based on price, service and quality. The scores and ranking for the tenders received are represented in the confidential appendix A.
8. An additional allowance of £5,000.00 will be required over the tendered sum for the repairs to the flint work after removal of the coping stones.

RISK ASSESSMENT

9. All normal risks were addressed in the original e-ITT Procurement process but in light of the time elapsed fresh financial checks have been undertaken; both Contractors achieved acceptable scores.
10. The works will be procured using a formal JCT Minor Works Building Contract 2011 which has been approved as suitable for these works by the Council's Procurement Solicitor.
11. Regular site monitoring will be carried out and a series of project progress meetings will be held during the course of the contract to reduce potential risks.
12. These works exclude any works to the lower retaining wall which in certain sections has deflected. However the rebuilding of the main and half piers and introduction of new intermediate support piers should stabilise and maintain the integrity of the structure.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

13. The Contract value will be financed from the previously approved Capital Budget and from the Capital Reserves.

CONCLUSION

14. That the Tender submitted by the Contractor that achieved the highest overall score as detailed in the Confidential Appendix A be accepted and a Contract awarded to this Company for the tender sum plus the additional sum for works to the flint walls.

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