

FAREHAM

BOROUGH COUNCIL

Report to the Executive Member for Planning and Development for Decision Date 04 February 2021

Portfolio:	Planning and Development
Subject:	Hook Lake Coastal Management Study – Award of Contract
Report of:	Director of Planning and Regeneration
Corporate Priorities:	Protect and enhance the environment

Purpose:

On the 8th July 2020 an Executive decision was made to approve commencement of the Hook Lake Coastal Management Study and agree that the Director of Planning and Regeneration, is given delegated authority to procure and deliver the works, subject to the award of contract being made through an Individual Decision by the Executive Member for Planning and Development.

This report considers the tenders received for the Hook Lake Coastal Management Study for the provision of professional services to deliver the works (consultancy support) and recommends an award of contract for the works for decision by the Executive Member for Planning and Development.

Executive Summary:

The approvals and funding have been approved and secured from the Environment Agency to initiate and undertake option appraisal, select a preferred option and develop outline designs for habitat creation at Hook Lake.

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 Consultant 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 habitat creation options at Hook Lake, to provide compensatory habitat offsetting losses as a result of coastal squeeze resulting from a combination of rising sea levels and Shoreline Management Plan (SMP) policies, a legal requirement of the North Solent SMP imperative reasons of overriding public interest (IROPI) agreement and Statement of Case.

Cost of Proposals:

This contract is to be fully funded from Flood and Coastal Risk Management Grant in Aid administered by the Environment Agency. A summary of the procurement process undertaken and total of the prices for the contract is indicated in confidential **Appendix A**

Appendices:

Confidential Appendix 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.)

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Executive Member Briefing Paper

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Briefing by:	Director of Planning and Regeneration
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INTRODUCTION

1. In December 2019 Coastal Partners, on behalf of Fareham Borough Council (FBC), were awarded Flood and Coastal Erosion Risk Management Grant in Aid to develop habitat creation options for Hook Lake – the Hook Lake Coastal Management Study.
2. On the 8th July 2020 it was resolved that the Executive approved the commencement of the Hook Lake Coastal Management Study, and that the Director of Planning and Regeneration, is given delegated authority to procure and deliver the works, subject to the award of contract being made through an Individual Decision by the Executive Member for Planning and Development. [Accompanying documents are available here.](#)
3. FBC will assume the lead authority role for taking this project forward and will also act as ‘The Employer’, under the terms of the NEC3 contract.
4. The River Hamble to Portchester Strategy (RHPS) was approved and adopted in 2016 by the Environment Agency and FBC. The aim of the Hook Lake Coastal Management Study is to identify options to create compensatory intertidal habitats as recommended by the RHPS and the North Solent Shoreline Management Plan (NSSMP) (2010).
5. The creation of new compensatory intertidal habitat will help to offset habitat losses from the direct encroachment of new coastal defences or through coastal squeeze, resulting from the combination of rising sea levels and ‘Hold the Line’ (HTL) SMP policies and is a legal requirement of the NSSMP Imperative Reasons of Overriding Public Interest (IROPI) agreement and Statement of Case. Targets have been set by the Regional Habitat Compensation Programme (RHCP) for intertidal habitat creation to offset these losses. To ensure that the regional Flood and Coastal Erosion Risk Management (FCERM) programme can continue to be delivered without delay, compensatory habitat must be in place in advance for all FCERM schemes that will encroach and/or cause coastal squeeze damage to European Sites (Natura 2000 sites). In summary, delivery of a habitat creation scheme at Hook Lake is critical in enabling other coastal management works to proceed, and in particular will enable critical flood defence works across the Solent and South Downs area to progress, protecting of thousands of lives and properties from flood and coastal erosion risk.

6. The next stage of this project, the 'Outline Design Stage' will identify solutions that maximise the potential for saltmarsh habitat, to meet RHCP targets, through the optimal use of Grant-in-aid.
7. Through this study and stakeholder engagement, solutions will be identified and appraised in order 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 into an Outline Design which will enable the early application for various consents and licenses.
8. The programme estimates completion of outline design by March 2023 and subject to securing future funding, the detailed design stage will commence in spring 2023 which will inform any appropriate planning applications or MMO licences before any construction can proceed. The construction stage is programmed at the earliest to commence in 2025
9. An invitation to tender for the option appraisal, outline design and outline business case [OBC] for a habitat creation scheme at Hook Lake (Hampshire), with provisional options to add "detailed design scope and construction phase support" was issued on the 4th October 2020 via the South East Business Portal to the 7 suppliers listed on the Flood and Coastal Erosion Related Professional Consultancy Services Framework Agreement.

PROPOSAL

10. On the 16 November 2020, five tenders were received and opened by FBC's Procurement Department and the tender price details are presented in the confidential **Appendix A**.
11. It is recommended that the most advantageous tender received, ranked 1st in the confidential **Appendix A** to this report, be accepted and a contract award for the agreement.

EVALUATION PROCESS

12. The contract documents defined a pre-determined scoring mechanism whereby tenders are assessed on price and quality.
13. 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**.
14. 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.
15. 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

16. The usual and identifiable risks initially present in this type of project have been mitigated through the council's rigorous and structured procurement process.
17. 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
18. The appointed consultant will work as part of an integrated team, working alongside Coastal Partners, so that and regular monitoring, reporting and project progress meetings will be held during the course of the commission to reduce potential risks.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

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

CONCLUSION

20. Five valid tenders were received for the provision of professional services to identify, appraise and design preferred habitat creation options for Hook Lake. It is recommended that the most advantageous tender received, ranked 1st in the confidential **Appendix A** to this report, be accepted and a contract award for the agreement.

Enquiries:

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