

FAREHAM

BOROUGH COUNCIL

Report to the Executive Member for Planning and Development for Decision 22 August 2022

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| Portfolio: | Planning and Development |
| Subject: | Fareham Quay and Alton Grove to Cadour Drive Flood and Coastal Erosion Risk Management Studies – Award of contract. |
| Report of: | Director of Planning and Regeneration |
| Corporate Priorities: | Protecting and Enhancing the Environment; Dynamic, Prudent and Progressive Council |

Purpose:

On the 7th February 2022 an Executive decision was made to approve commencement of the Fareham Quay and Alton Grove to Cadour Drive Flood and Coastal Erosion Risk Management (FCERM) Studies, and give the Director of Planning and Regeneration, 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 tender received for the Fareham Quay and Alton Grove to Cadour Drive FCERM Studies, for the provision of professional services to deliver the studies (consultancy support) and recommends an award of contract for the works for decision by the Executive Member for Planning and Development.

Executive summary:

Approvals and funding have been secured from the Southern Regional Flood and Coastal Committee (SRFCC) and Fareham Borough Council (FBC) to undertake Flood and Coastal Erosion Risk Management (FCERM) studies for the Fareham Quay and Alton Grove to Cadour Drive frontages, to assess and develop longer-term coastal management options to reduce flood and erosion risk and address historic landfill issues at both sites.

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

Recommendation:

That the tender submitted by AECOM (as set out in the confidential **Appendix A**) be accepted and the contract awarded to the company.

Reason:

To identify, appraise and design long term coastal management options for Fareham Quay and for Alton Grove to Cador Drive as recommended in the North Solent Shoreline Management Plan and River Hamble to Portchester Strategy.

Cost of proposals:

This contract is to be fully funded from SRFCC Local Levy administered by the Environment Agency and a contribution from FBC. A summary of the procurement process undertaken and total of the prices for the contract is indicated in confidential **Appendix A**

Appendices:

A: Fareham Quay Price Return AECOM CONFIDENTIAL (Exempt By virtue of paragraph(s) 3 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972.)

B: Fareham tender moderation CONFIDENTIAL (Exempt By virtue of paragraph(s) 3 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972.)

C: High level timeline

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INTRODUCTION

1. In December 2021 Coastal Partners, on behalf of Fareham Borough Council (FBC), were awarded SRFCC Local Levy funding and a contribution from FBC to develop Flood and Coastal Erosion Risk Management (FCERM) scheme options for the Fareham Quay and Alton Grove to Cadour Drive frontages, to reduce flood and erosion risk alongside the impacts of those risks on historic coastal landfill.
2. On the 7th February 2022 it was resolved that the Executive approved the commencement of the Fareham Quay and Alton Grove to Cadour Drive FCERM Studies, 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 NEC4 contract.
4. The River Hamble to Portchester Strategy (RHPS) was approved and adopted in 2016 by the Environment Agency and FBC. The aim of each Study is to identify options to manage coastal flood and erosion risk at each site, as recommended in the RHPS and the North Solent Shoreline Management Plan (NSSMP) (2010)
5. The project will appraise and develop preferred options for coastal management and prepare an outline design for the preferred scheme option for each location. The studies will put forward proposals to source and secure further funding for detailed designs and to implement and construct the preferred option. The project will also provide an opportunity to investigate additional broader outcomes important to FBC and the wider community, not just in relation to the environment, but also to improve the public realm, regeneration, enhance amenities, improve recreation opportunities, access and community health and wellbeing.
6. Professional services, required for the execution of this project, are being procured and managed through the Coastal, Flood and Infrastructure Professional Services Framework - 2022-2026 of which Fareham Borough Council is able to use. The framework provides two options for call off, mini-competition and direct award.

7. AECOM are ranked as number 1 in the framework delivery tier supplier list which means they scored highest for this type of work. AECOM helped deliver the River Hamble to Portchester Strategy and additional studies in the area previously, they present a wealth of experience spanning over 25 years and are well placed to deliver the studies. Due to this strong justification, it was agreed by the project team and FBC Procurement to call-off the services from the framework, for procurement of these services, via direct award to AECOM.
8. An invitation to tender was issued to AECOM on the 31st May 2022, to tender for the option appraisal and outline design studies for Fareham Quay and for Alton Grove to Cadour Drive. A site visit was carried out mid-tender on 16th June 2022.

PROPOSAL

9. On the 30th June 2022, a tender was received from AECOM, the tender price details are presented in the confidential **Appendix A**.
10. It is recommended that the tender received be accepted and a contract award for the agreement.

EVALUATION PROCESS

11. The tender return was evaluated against the scope and a Red (unsatisfactory), Amber (satisfactory) or Green (excellent), status applied against each of the key deliverables listed within the scope.
12. AECOM were required to complete an activity schedule in line with NEC contract requirements. This enabled officers to assess the quality elements of their submission, assessing their approach to delivering the service.
13. A moderation meeting was held on 7th July 2022 and the moderated tender review can be found in confidential **Appendix B**. Based on the evaluation, the tender return was found to be satisfactory subject to a few clarification questions to add further clarity.
14. On Tuesday 19th July 2022 a pre-contract meeting was held with AECOM, Coastal Partners and FBC procurement where the clarifications were discussed and satisfactorily resolved. As a result, it is recommended that AECOM are awarded the contract.

RISK ASSESSMENT

15. The usual and identifiable risks initially present in this type of project have been mitigated through the council's rigorous and structured procurement process.
16. 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 Coastal, Flood and Infrastructure Professional Services Framework (The Framework).
17. 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

18. The charges associated with this contract will be wholly financed from SRFCC Local Levy administered by the Environment Agency and a contribution from FBC. Coastal Partners

will continue to work collaboratively with FBC Finance Team to ensure that all appropriate claims are made via the Environment Agency.

CONCLUSIONS

19. The works are being procured via direct award call off- from The Framework to AECOM as ranked 1st on the tier 1 list of suppliers and their previous work delivering the Strategy and additional studies.
20. The tender return from AECOM satisfied all items on the project scope. It is recommended that approval is given to award the contract to AECOM for the Fareham Quay and Alton Grove to Cadour Drive FCERM Studies to identify options for flood and erosion protection which are required to protect life, property and former coastal landfill sites.
21. Following procurement of consultant support, the study is due to start in September 2022 and run for approximately 18 months until February 2024. The current high-level project timeline is included in **Appendix C**.

Enquiries:

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