FAREHAM BOROUGH COUNCIL

2022/23 Decision No. 2421

Record of Decision by Executive

Monday, 6 March 2023

Portfolio	Planning and Development
Subject:	Provision of Tree Maintenance Services within the Borough of Fareham
Report of:	Director of Planning and Regeneration
Corporate Priority:	Protect and enhance the environment; Strong, safe, inclusive and healthy communities

Purpose:

The report seeks approval to award the Framework for the Council's Tree Maintenance Services. The Framework term will be a four-year period commencing May 2023.

Works to Council owned trees are undertaken for the Council by external suppliers. Following a previous tendering exercise in 2017, the Council developed a Tree Maintenance Framework containing approved external suppliers who could undertake tree work.

The current Tree Maintenance Framework expires in April 2023 and a tender has recently been undertaken to ensure a Tree Maintenance Framework is in place for the period from May 2023-April 2027.

During the tender the Council received thirteen (13) compliant tender responses from suppliers based throughout the southern region. The scores and ranking for all thirteen (13) tenders received are presented in the confidential Appendix A attached to the report

Options Considered:

Councillor S D Martin declared a Personal Interest for this item as he has previously employed the services of one of the Companies listed in the framework for work at his property. Councillor Martin remained in the room and took part in the debate and decision.

As recommendation.

Decision:

RESOLVED that the Executive:

- (a) agrees to award the Framework to the top 8 scoring tenderers, as set out in the Confidential Appendix A to the report; and
- (b) notes that the increased cost of the suppliers is likely to require an increase in the annual Tree Management budget of between £23,380 and £37,120, which will need to be considered during the next budget setting process.

Reason:

To accord with the Public Contracts Regulation 2015 and continue to deliver consistent high quality tree work and value for money from the Council's tree maintenance budgets.

Confirmed as a true record:

Councillor SDT Woodward (Executive Leader)

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