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BOROUGH COUNCIL

Report to the Executive for Decision 10 February 2014

Portfolio:	Leisure and Community
Subject:	Award of Contract - Salterns Promenade Repairs
Report of:	Director of Community
Strategy/Policy:	Leisure Strategy
Corporate Objective:	Leisure for Health and for Fun

Purpose:

This report presents the tenders received for repairs to the Salterns Promenade and for the possible construction of a cycleway to the north of the current sea wall.

Executive summary:

At its meeting in November 2012, the Executive approved a project to repair a 700m stretch of the Salterns Promenade as a long term solution to the deterioration of the timber kerbing on the seaward edge of the promenade.

Separate to the project to repair the Promenade, Hampshire County Council (HCC) has been pursuing a project to construct a cycleway to the north of the existing sea wall to become part of the National Cycleway Network (NCN).

To minimise disruption to users of the promenade, the two authorities have worked in partnership to jointly procure and construct the two adjacent projects.

Tenders have been received and it is recommended that a contract be awarded to Balfour Beatty for the repairs to the Salterns Promenade in the sum of £199,881.

Insufficient funding is available for the cycleway and the Executive is asked to consider whether to proceed with this, and if so to agree the surface finish, the additional capital budget required and whether to proceed at risk due to the unresolved land issues.

Recommendation:

The Executive considers:

- (a) That a contract be awarded to Balfour Beatty in the sum of £229,971 for the timber replacement of the Salterns Promenade and the construction of a cycleway (with a rural surface) to the north of the sea wall.
- (b) That the Executive consider whether to proceed with the construction of the cycleway prior to Hampshire County Council resolving the land issues.
- (c) That the capital budget be increased by £20,000 to a total of £233,000.

Reason:

To allow the repairs to the Salterns Promenade to be completed and remove the trip hazards currently present due to the deteriorating condition of the timber planking.

Cost of proposals:

The repairs to the promenade can be funded from the existing capital budget.

Inclusion of the cycleway with a rural footpath can be accommodated within the currently approved budget with the addition of the £20,000 from Sustrans. However only £3,000 contingency would remain for any unforeseen works.

Appendix A: Tender Evaluation**Background papers:**

Report to the Executive for Decision dated 12 November 2012 –Salterns Promenade.

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Executive Briefing Paper

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INTRODUCTION

1. At its meeting in November 2012, the Executive approved a project to repair a 700m stretch of the Salterns Promenade as a long term solution to the deterioration of the timber kerbing on the seaward edge of the promenade.
2. A capital budget of £213,000 has been allocated to this project to cover all works and fees.
3. Separate to the project to repair the Promenade, Hampshire County Council have been pursuing a project to construct a cycleway to the north of the existing sea wall to become part of the National Cycleway Network (NCN).
4. With the aim of minimising disruption to users of the promenade the opportunity has been taken to jointly tender the promenade and cycleway project together with the option to issue one contract to construct both elements.

TENDERS

5. Following the completion of the detailed design and specification for the works, tender documents were issued to three building contractors on an existing procurement framework with the East Solent Coastal Partnership (ESCP).
6. The tenders were split into three work packages:
 - Promenade timber replacement.
 - Cycleway construction as a rural footpath.
 - Cycleway with an asphalt surface.
7. The evaluation of the tenders is included as Appendix A to this report.

PROMENADE REPAIRS

8. The tender return from Balfour Beatty is within the approved capital budget and a contract could be awarded for the required works.

9. To achieve a start on site in April 2014, and to complete the works prior to the peak summer season, it has been necessary to order the timber hardwood in advance of the formal contract.

CYCLEWAY

10. The HCC scheme to implement the cycleway is being funded by a £20,000 contribution from Sustrans provided by the former County Councillor Mr Knight, to be supplemented by funding from HCC.
11. At this time no additional funding has been provided by HCC.
12. As it is recommended that the contract for the promenade repairs be awarded to Balfour Beatty, the cycleway repairs will also need to be undertaken by them if the works are to be undertaken as a joint project. On this basis the cycleway would cost £30,090 to construct which is in excess of the available funding from HCC.
13. Part of the land over which the cycleway would be routed is not in the ownership of the Council and HCC need to resolve any land issues and agree a Deed of Dedication for the cycleway prior to its construction. There is a risk that this will not be achieved prior to the programmed start date in April 2014.
14. Whilst tenders have been returned for the alternative surface finishes (rural cycleway vs. asphalt for the cycleway, the ward councillors have expressed a clear preference for the rural cycleway option to be adopted. It is therefore recommended that the project proceed with the rural cycleway option.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

15. A contract for the works to repair the promenade can be awarded as the tender from Balfour Beatty is within the approved capital budget.
16. If no further funding is provided by HCC and the capital budget is supplemented with the £20,000 from Sustrans then a total budget of £233,000 is available.
17. If a combined promenade and cycleway project was implemented then the cost of this with a rural footpath as the cycleway would be £229,971. This would be within the available budget, but there would be insufficient contingency to cover any unforeseen expenditure.
18. It is suggested that a contingency of 10% would be prudent and therefore a total budget of £253,000 would be advisable. It is therefore recommended that the capital budget be increased by £20,000 to a total of £233,000.

RISK ASSESSMENT

19. There is a risk that HCC will not resolve the land issues and arrange a Deed of Dedication for the proposed cycleway prior to the proposed start of works in April 2014. In this case the works could proceed at a risk of a legal challenge or the cycleway works could be excluded from the construction contract.

20. The promenade is subject to ongoing deterioration and any delay to implementing the required works extends the period during which the council could be subject to insurance claims in the event of injury resulting from the trip hazards.

CONCLUSION

21. The tenders have been received for the repairs to the Salterns Promenade and for the` construction of the cycleway to the north. The promenade repairs can be implemented within the approved budget. The inclusion of the cycleway within the contract results in a risk that the budget will be insufficient in the event of unforeseen works and there is a risk that the required permissions in relation to the land will not be in place prior to the start of the works.

Reference Papers:

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