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| Director of Commercial Services | Executive Member Decision | December |

## **APPROVAL TO AGREE LANDSCAPING COSTS FOR MARKET WALK EXTENSION**

### **PURPOSE OF REPORT**

1. The landscaping elements of the Market Walk extension were excluded from EWC contract to deliver better value through our in-house landscape design team.
2. This report seeks approval for the various items procured in order to deliver a consistent landscaping and street furnishings approach with the existing town centre & Market Walk.

### **RECOMMENDATION(S)**

3. That approval is given to deliver the landscaping proposals listed within the report at a cost of £97,500.
4. Delegated authority is given to the Director of Commercial Services to approve minor deviations in costs if changes arise during the delivery of the landscaping as works on site progress as long as it's contained within the overall landscaping budget above

### **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY OF REPORT**

5. The landscaping elements of the Market Walk extension were excluded from EWC contract to deliver better value through our in-house landscape design team.
6. The hard landscaping and street furnishings being procured need to be consistent with the approach taken within the existing town centre & Market Walk (see Appendix A).
7. The landscaping and furnishings need to be in place prior to the phased opening of the extension with tree's, hedging and fencing to Union Street prior to M&S opening late November and benches, planters and fencing near unit 8 prior to Reel Cinema & Escape opening late December.
8. The quality of the development needs to be reflected in the hard & soft landscaping which encompasses it.
9. The costs include for modular seating & planting furnishings within Fazakerley Street which were never replaced when the two large planters were relocated to Market Street and new Market Street due to their size.

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| <b>Confidential report</b><br>Please bold as appropriate | Yes | <b>No</b> |
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| <b>Key Decision?</b><br>Please bold as appropriate | Yes | <b>No</b> |
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| <b>Reason</b><br>Please bold as appropriate | 1, a change in service provision that impacts upon the service revenue budget by £100,000 or more | 2, a contract worth £100,000 or more  |
|   | 3, a new or unprogrammed capital scheme of £100,000 or more                                       | 4, Significant impact in environmental, social or physical terms in two or more wards |

**REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATION(S)**

**(If the recommendations are accepted)**

- 10. The hard & soft landscaping is key to complement the high-quality finish to the new Market Walk development.

**ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED AND REJECTED**

- 11. To re-instate the hard & soft landscaping within the EWC contract. This was rejected due to on-costs Eric Wright would impose thus providing poor value.
- 12. To omit elements of landscaping and street furnishings. This was rejected as not providing a finished look to a high-quality scheme.

**CORPORATE PRIORITIES**

- 13. This report relates to the following Strategic Objectives:

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| Involving residents in improving their local area and equality of access for all |  | A strong local economy  | X |
| Clean, safe and healthy homes and communities                                    |  | An ambitious council that does more to meet the needs of residents and the local area |   |

**BACKGROUND**

- 14. The landscaping elements of the Market Walk extension were excluded from EWC contract to deliver better value through our in-house landscape design team.
- 15. The hard landscaping and street furnishings being procured need to be consistent with the approach taken within the existing town centre & Market Walk.
- 16. The landscaping and furnishings need to be in place prior to the phased opening of the extension with tree's, hedging and fencing to Union Street prior to M&S opening late November and benches, planters and fencing near unit 8 prior to Reel Cinema & Escape opening late December.
- 17. The quality of the development needs to be reflected in the hard & soft landscaping which encompasses it.

**COSTS**

- 18. Total Landscaping budget of £97,500 would include the items listed below:
- 19. **Screening and Fencing works from I P Jones -**
  - a. Timber screening of the Armco barrier - £6,742.85

- b. Timber fencing to the substation - £1,807.57
- c. Timber fencing to the service yard - £1,848.99
- d. Timber gate to Market Walk Service Yard – £2,287.49
- e. Union Street Planter Refurbishment - £4,824.97

Three quotes were obtained for the above from local fencing contractors and the lowest quote appointed owing to the quality of previous work and availability to complete the works on time.

**20. General landscaping -**

- a. £9,395.00 for mature trees from Barcham
- b. £14,526.50 for shrubs and hedging and
- c. £4,500 for planting of the scheme and bark from Bannister Hall Nurseries

Three quotes were obtained for the supply of the shrubs and hedging and two quotes for the planting of the scheme from local companies. The lowest quote was appointed to deliver the scheme.

**21. New Seating Areas and Planters –**

- a. £11,080 for circular benches from Furnitubes
- b. £12,814 for Curved and straight benches and planters from Street Design £10,372 for seating and planters on Fazakerley Street from Street Design

The benches are bespoke to the companies who manufacture them, however, prices for similar designs were obtained to test the market and best value. The benches and planters are from the company who provided the existing seating and planters in Market Walk to provide continuity throughout the development.

- 22. **Bins** - £8,925 for Iroko timber and s/steel waste bins from Taurus. These bins match existing in Market Walk.

- 23. **Public Art** - £8,000 for steel “film reel” forming a fence from John Everiss

The market was tested for best value looking at costs of other artwork of similar scale. 120m of art work / sculpture is being designed, manufactured and installed for £8,000. This is a large high impact installation for reasonable cost.

**IMPLICATIONS OF REPORT**

- 24. This report has implications in the following areas and the relevant Directors’ comments are included:

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| Finance                                  | ✓ | Customer Services                      |  |
| Human Resources                          |   | Equality and Diversity                 |  |
| Legal                                    |   | Integrated Impact Assessment required? |  |
| No significant implications in this area |   | Policy and Communications              |  |

**COMMENTS OF THE STATUTORY FINANCE OFFICER**

- 25. The funding of the works will be made based on minimising the impact the Market Walk Extension capital budget has on the council’s revenue budget. For example, funding may include prudential borrowing, overage or reserves.

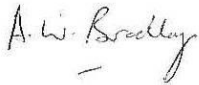
**COMMENTS OF THE MONITORING OFFICER**

26. These products have been procured in accordance with council policy and procedures.

Mark Lester  
DIRECTOR OF COMMERCIAL SERVICES

| Report Author | Ext  | Date       |
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Following careful consideration and assessment of the contents of this report, I approve the recommendation(s) contained in Paragraph 2 of the report in accordance with my delegated power to make executive decisions.



Dated 06.12.19

**Councillor Alistair Bradley**  
Executive Member for Economic Development  
and Public Service Reform