

Report of	Meeting	Date
Deputy Chief Exec (Introduced by the Executive Member for Economic Development and Public Service Reform)	Executive Member Decision	25/08/2020

## **CONTRACT AWARD FOR GREEN ENGINEERING WORKS TO CARR BROOK LINEAR PARK**

### **PURPOSE OF REPORT**

1. This report sets out the procurement process and recommendations to award a contract for Green Engineering works to Carr Brook Linear Park.

### **RECOMMENDATION(S)**

2. To award the contract for the Green Engineering Works to Conservation Contracts North West (CCNW) subject to the approval of the variation request.

### **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY OF REPORT**

3. A procurement exercise has been carried out for the supply and implementation of Green Engineering Works to the riverbanks along Carr Brook Linear Park. Detailed specifications have been tendered for six areas of the river banks which are eroding and require engineering works to ensure that houses and paths which bound the Linear Park don't come under threat in the future from undercutting and erosion. This includes riverbank stabilisation works and habitat enhancement.
4. The funding for this project has been awarded from the Rural Development Programme for England (RDPE) : Water Environment Grant (WEG). The funding is specifically to address physical modification, pollution from wastewater, pollution from towns and cities and transport, invasive non-native species (INNS), changes to natural flow and level of water in the North West River Basin District. A grant of £91,478 was awarded and is 100% funded. The grant is administered through the Environment Agency.
5. It is proposed to award the contract sum of £31,078.50 to CCNW. This sum came in slightly over the original figure set out in the project plan of £29,603.03. A variation request has been submitted to cover the additional £1,475.47 required.
6. This report sets out the procurement process which has been followed, together with the evaluation method and scoring, and makes a recommendation to award the contract.

<b>Confidential report</b> Please bold as appropriate	Yes	<b>No</b>
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<b>Key Decision?</b> Please bold as appropriate	Yes	<b>No</b>
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### **REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATION(S)**

#### **(If the recommendations are accepted)**

7. The recommendations are based on a competitive procurement process. Five companies

all with specialist knowledge of environmental works were invited to tender and given one month to quote. Two tender returns were received by the deadline of the 10th July. These tenders were evaluated by Chorley Council Open Space Strategy Officer and River Ribble Trust Project Manager from the project team. CCNW scored highest on the evaluation. CCNW have carried out numerous projects on behalf of Chorley Council to a very high standard including the awarded Phase 1 and 2 works on Yarrow Meadows. They have excellent experience of similar types of work. CCNW are a local north west company.

## ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED AND REJECTED

8. On tender evaluation of the price and quality criteria, it was agreed by the evaluation team that CCNW scored highly on quality and cost and therefore, the work could be awarded.
9. No alternative options have been considered as the works are agreed and funded through the WEG grant agreement and the works are also critical to the future safety of the local community.

## CORPORATE PRIORITIES

10. This report relates to the following Strategic Objectives:

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

## BACKGROUND

11. An Invitation to Quote (ITQ) document for Green Engineering works to Carr Brook Linear Park was prepared and issued on the North West Procurement Chest to five selected companies on the 5th June 2020 for a period of four weeks. The tender contained a variety of specifications for various environmental green bank stabilisation techniques across six locations of riverbank in the project area with associated habitat enhancement.
12. Two responses were received on time meeting the essential evaluation criteria and were carefully considered. The total cost quoted for the works varied between the region of £30,000-£50,000.
13. The responses were considered using the criteria of 80% Cost and 20% Quality. The quality criteria which the tender has been evaluated against are set out in Table 1. A score of 96 was awarded to the winning quotation submission. A score of 58 was awarded to the 2nd bidder.
14. The evaluation was carried out by Chorley Council Open Space Strategy Officer and Project Manager from the River Ribble Trust. This provided a range of knowledge backgrounds and skills to make an informed decision.
15. Based on the evaluation it is recommended that the contract is awarded to CCNW. CCNW will be carrying out specialist works using specialist machinery and skills.
16. The shortlisted contractor has also passed the Suitability Assessment Questionnaire and has successfully provided more detailed information such as Environmental Action plan, risk assessments, method statement, programme of works and insurance prior to Contract Award.

**Table 1**

Criteria	Total Maximum Potential Score
<b>COST (80%)</b>	80
<b>QUALITY (20%)</b>	
(i) A broad description of the approach to this contract and the methodology to be employed, including level of personnel/plant resources required, proposals for mitigating identified risks and protecting the landscape and site users during the contract period and an Environmental Action Plan for Temporary Works.	10
(ii) Simple programme of works in Gantt Chart format for each phase in accordance with the Works Information. This is required to enable the Council to judge a tenderer's understanding and approach to the project and their ability to complete the works by no later than 30.11.20, using the methods and resources proposed.	5
iii) Examples of similar work (maximum of 3) demonstrating experience of the type of work, scale of project and work location/ environment and budget. Where relevant indicate the role undertaken with regard to the CDM Regulations.	5
<b>TOTAL SCORE</b>	<b>100</b>
Compliance with specification including suitability of any substitute products	Yes

17. It is proposed to award the contract sum of £31,078.50 to CCNW. The sum will be paid through the WEG process.
18. If this recommendation is approved, the contract would start on site at the beginning of October 2020 (subject to the call in period) and be complete by end of November 2020. During this period the contractor will provide regular reports to the client who will keep Ward Members updated.

### **Overview and update on the Water Environment Grant (WEG) project at Carr Brook Linear Park**

19. In summary this project:-
  - links into the climate emergency agenda as a tangible project of delivery.
  - is 100% grant funded with no Council capital. Just staff time to project manage.
  - provides grant funding which alleviates the need for Council resources to fund much needed works to riverbanks in Clayton-le-Woods, off Radburn Brow and Birch Field which are causing residents concern.
  - engages and educates the local community through "Love My River" providing walk over river training and workdays to eradicate invasive non-native species such as balsam.
  - provides environmental enhancement to improve the water quality in the rivers, eradicate non-native invasive species and improve biodiversity through new habitat creation.
  - is a multi-agency project working in collaboration.
20. The project started in Jan 2020 and must be completed by 30/09/2021.

21. The project timescales have been realigned owing to COVID-19 but still fit into the timescale approved by the grant funding. The project has appointed a project manager from the River Ribble Trust and a project officer to delivery Love My River appointed from Groundwork Trust.
22. We are currently working with a wetland consultant to carry out feasibility study to design and create a small new wetland feature within Carr Brook Linear Park. Flash flooding downstream which puts homes at risk will be alleviated through the creation of this new wetland to store water, improve water quality and create wildlife habitat. This wetland will require public consultation and planning permission. It is proposed to be created in Spring 2021.
23. Through the project INNS will be eradicated through balsam control and Japanese knotweed treatment. Native plants will be encouraged to re-establish, and strategic areas of the river fenced to create wildlife habitat.
24. Public engagement and education will also be delivered through Love My River - river walk over training and school field trips. The focus will be Carr Brook but will also incorporate the River Lostock through Cuerden Valley Park. This element of the project has been postponed owing to COVID but will commence in September 2020 in time to engage residents in the proposed green engineering works which will commence in October and to create a community volunteer group. Work with schools will commence in Spring 2021.
25. Objectives of the project:-
  - Improve the ecological elements of Water Framework Directive (WFD) through Love My River by identifying and addressing issues of water pollution, domestic mis-connections, incorrect disposal of substances down drains from residential and industrial sources and urban runoff aiming to enhance 20km of river by 2027.
  - Engage, educate, and inspire local people through Love My River and INNS projects in the catchment through 2020/21
  - Address the issues of surface water and source pollution through bank stabilisation using green approaches in river engineering, new wetland/flood storage creation and habitat enhancement to change the status to high by 2027.

## IMPLICATIONS OF REPORT

26. This project enhances elements of the public open space to reduce the risk of further riverbank erosion and also create water storage when the river is in high flows. The project is 100% match funded so it is critical to follow the governance rules of the grant.
27. This report has implications in the following areas and the relevant Directors' comments are included:

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

28. The total budget for this project is £92k funded through S106 and grant contributions.

## COMMENTS OF THE MONITORING OFFICER

29. It is proposed to award the contract in accordance with the Council's contract procedure rules for intermediate value contracts and with the approved scoring matrix.

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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 26.08.20

**Councillor Alistair Bradley**

**Leader of the Council**

**Executive Member for Economic Development and Public Service Reform**