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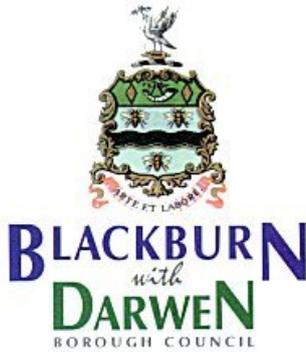
Friday, 29th April, 2022
10.00 am

AGENDA

- 1. Tree Maintenance Services Contract**
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Denise Park, Chief Executive

RECORD OF DECISION TAKEN UNDER DELEGATED POWERS OUTLINED IN THE CONSTITUTION – Part 3 Section 16



DELEGATED OFFICER DECISION TAKEN BY:	Martin Eden
PORTFOLIO AREA:	Environmental Services

SUBJECT: Tree-Maintenance Services contract

1. DECISION

To award a contract for one year with the option to extend for a further 2 x 12 months to Greenfingers Landscape Limited. The contractor will be required to provide the Council with a comprehensive tree-maintenance service.

2. REASON FOR DECISION

An external contractor is required to support the Council's in-house team with the management of its tree stock. The work will include:

- Tree Inspection and reporting, both programmed and reactive when on site and on location with assigned work.
- Routine Maintenance - the management of trees identified through inspection as being dead, dying and / or dangerous and presenting a serious risk to the safety of the public and property; or in need of pro-active management to prevent them from becoming so.
- Ash Dieback –providing best value solutions to address the impact of the disease.

3. BACKGROUND

The Council needs to increase its tree-maintenance capacity due to issues such as Ash Dieback. This additional capacity cannot be met in-house and therefore needs to be procured from an external third party.

On 16th February 2022, the Council undertook a tendering exercise. The tender was advertised on Find A Tender Service, Contracts Finder and the Council's e-tendering portal "The Chest".

Sixteen submissions were received and they were evaluated by a panel of officers from the Environment Department and the Contracts and Procurement Team. The bids were evaluated against the following published criteria:

- Price 50%
- Quality 40%
- Social Value 10%

Greenfingers Landscape Ltd received the highest total mark of 78.34%. Therefore it is the Council's intention to award the contract to Greenfingers Landscape Ltd.

4. KEY ISSUES AND RISKS

Failure to tackle Ash Dieback disease could see up to 90% of the Ash trees in the borough fail, causing risk to life and property, if not managed. Already Ash trees in the borough are affected and this is causing huge concern, given there is no cure for the disease. The Council has only 1 tree team for the whole of the borough, and at present, they cannot cope with the existing demands, let alone emerging demands from the risks from Ash Dieback.

Where trees fail, the threat to life and property cannot be understated, with Wirral MBC recently taken to court and fined in excess of £100,000 for a tree failure that sadly saw the life of a young child lost. Damage to property sees the Council liable for its tree stock, with the Council paying the first £25,000 for each claim, with a number of claims already being handled within the Council due to tree failures.

5. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

The annual cost tendered of £120,000 is within the allocated budget.

6. LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

No implications, the procurement process was carried out in accordance with the Council's Contract and Procurement Procedure rules and the Public Procurement Regulations.

All contracts and contract variations will be in a form approved by legal officers in the Contracts and Procurement team.

7. OPTIONS CONSIDERED AND REJECTED

Use an existing framework agreement. A suitable agreement could not be identified and therefore this option was rejected.

The Council did consider employing its own additional team, but the availability within the industry of qualified arborists who are well skilled in tree work is limited, and the Council would have faced delays with vehicle procurement due to the lack of micro-capacitors across the world. As a result, the use of a contractor equipped, skilled and trained was the only available option to tackle the problems the borough is facing in a timely manner.

Further information is available via the following link [] or from the report author

6. DECLARATION OF INTEREST

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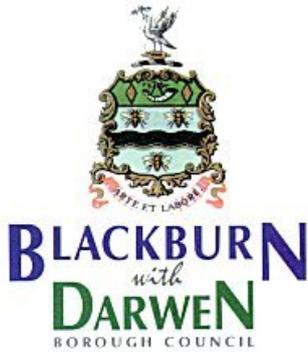
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Signed: 

Director

Date: 25-04-22

RECORD OF DECISION TAKEN UNDER DELEGATED POWERS OUTLINED IN THE CONSTITUTION – Part 3 Section 16



DELEGATED OFFICER DECISION TAKEN BY: PORTFOLIO AREA:	Martin Eden, Director of Place Environmental Services
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SUBJECT:

Proposed scheme to remediate the issues affecting the existing sub-standard drainage at Aqueduct Road

1. DECISION:

To award to the successful contractor who has submitted a tender to provide a new drainage system to alleviate the current issues and flooding on Aqueduct Road.

The proposed works will include the installation of a new drain run under the car park and highway of Aqueduct Road along with all associated works to remediate the drainage issues in the area. The scheme is to by-pass the existing sub-standard drain with a new manageable and maintainable solution to reduce current and future maintenance costs and alleviate nearby flooding.

2. REASON FOR DECISION:

The project was advertised online via the Chest as a single stage process. The tender was an open tender.

The evaluation criteria was based on 70% pricing and 30% quality, included was a list of pass/fail questions and references relating to the delivery of this and similar schemes.

All tenders were evaluated and scored against criteria approved by the Council. Ten responses were received to the ITT, the details of which, along with the relevant scores are outlined in the table below:

	Scoring %	AJ Bretherton	Bidder B	Bidder C	Bidder D	Bidder E	Bidder F	Bidder G	Bidder H	Bidder I	Bidder J
Price %	70	70	35.15	44.56	-3.49	37.43	-33.47	42.02	22.87	39.09	58.24
Quality %	30	20.5	17.5	28.75	12.5	18.5	28	5	21.25	18.5	17.5
Total Score	100	90.5	52.65	73.31	9.01	55.93	-5.47	47.02	44.12	57.59	75.74

It is therefore the intention to award the contract to **AJ Bretherton Groundwork & Plant Hire** as they had the highest overall score.

3. BACKGROUND

Following investigations undertaken by the drainage department the existing drain run was deemed to be sub-standard and in need of replacement to prevent flooding to properties upstream. The regular clearing of the existing drain system was not only proving to be unsuccessful but was also becoming a regular maintenance cost.

4. KEY ISSUES AND RISKS

Risks to the scheme include stability of the deep excavations, excavations under the carriageway around existing services (including IP Gas, 33Kv electric and foul sewers) along with the security of the site and equipment.

The successful contractor has provided an outline method statement for the works along with references relating to similar schemes. The contractor is to be responsible for the stability of the works and excavations as per the contract. Works will also be supervised by BwD BC's supervisors on a regular basis.

The contractor has suggested in their method statement that the site is to be kept secure and all equipment removed from site overnight each day.

5. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

The successful bid falls within the funding available for the scheme which has been secured from the Drainage Department to alleviate the flooding issues currently present in the area.

6. LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

The contract is to be undertaken under the NEC4 ECC Contract as in the ITT

7. OPTIONS CONSIDERED AND REJECTED

The option of maintaining the existing infrastructure was considered however, this was representing an ongoing maintenance cost, and was also not alleviating the flooding occurring due to the poor and sub-standard condition of the existing drain run.

It was decided that to fully alleviate the flooding issues and repeated maintenance costs this scheme to replace the drain was required.

The tender was to provide a new drainage solution to by-pass the existing and a Decision to award the contract is based on the tender evaluation.

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CONTACT OFFICER:	Mark Berry
DATE:	25/4/2022
BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS:	Available via the CHEST if required

Signed: 	
Director: Martin Eden	Date: 27 April 2022