

Agenda Item 15

Cabinet

08 May 2013

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Exemption from Standing Orders – Exmouth Regeneration Priority Project, Estuarieside Transformation

Exempt Information

Para 3 Schedule 12A information relating to the finance or business affairs of any particular person

Summary

The Exmouth Town Centre and Seafront Masterplan were completed at the end of 2011. The Estuarieside site was identified as a priority opportunity project as outlined to Cabinet in November 2011. The Council's commitment to the Regeneration of Exmouth is currently focussed around three priority projects, the Estuarieside Transformation being one. The Estates and Economic team is managing these projects, including the appointment and management of external specialist consultants such as architects and quantity surveyors.

This report seeks Cabinet approval for an Exemption from Standing Orders in order that specific consultants can continue to be used in the preparation of a planning application for elements of the Estuarieside Transformation project. In addition an Exemption from Standing Orders is required for the extension of services to Sports Solutions as consultants on behalf of the Council for the relocation of Exmouth Rugby Club.

Recommendation

- 1 To approve an Exemption from Contract Standing Orders to enable the extension of appointments for Sports Solutions {up to a maximum of £5,000} and WSP Group {up to a maximum of £5,000} to assist with the preparation of a planning application at Rolle College Playing Fields and the Estuarieside Transformation project.**

a) Reasons for Recommendation

The reasons for the recommendations are to assist the facilitation of a project that will enhance the area and support the Exmouth Regeneration agenda in general. The Exmouth Regeneration Programme Board is an enthusiastic supporter of the Estuarieside Transformation project.

b) Alternative Options

To employ alternative consultants after tendering for the work required.

c) Risk Considerations

There are no significant risk issues to approving the Exemption to Standing Orders.

d) Policy and Budgetary Considerations

This project forms part of the Council's Regeneration commitment to Exmouth and the delivery of the aims and objectives set out in the Exmouth Town and Seafront Masterplan. £700,000 has already been identified under the Council's budget 2012/13 – 2015/16 of which £377,000 was already allocated for all of the Exmouth regeneration projects.

e) Date for Review of Decision

N/A

1 Main Body of the Report

- 1.1 Sports Solutions have been involved in the project since April 2011 when they successfully tendered for the role of commercial sports facilities consultant. Anna Korceran of Sports Solutions has shown great enthusiasm and commitment throughout the original contract period. To enable the delivery of a new club at that site work on design and estimated build costs for the scheme are required and we recommend continuing to use Sports Solutions for quantity surveying purposes.
- 1.2 To date, over the period of 20 months, £8,770 has been expended on Sports Solutions fees that have also included architectural drawings. A further £2,500 is expected over the course of the next year.
- 1.3 WSP Group were instructed following a competitive bid process for the Estuaryside Transformation site covering Flood Risk and Drainage Strategy works, that is currently ongoing. WSP are a large multi-disciplinary consultancy that can provide Transport Assessment advice. They have offered a discount to their normal fees of 20% to cover the Transport Assessment works at the Rolle Playing Fields. The additional fee for these works is estimated at £4,500.

Legal Implications

Cabinet has the discretion to waive contract standing orders to enable the extension of contracts without a further competitive process for the reasons set out in the report

Financial Implications

As indicated within the report there is sufficient funding within the Exmouth Regeneration budget to support this expenditure

Consultation on Reports to the Executive

The Exmouth Regeneration Project Team

Background Papers

n/a