

Agenda Item 24

Cabinet

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Exemption from Standing Orders – Exmouth Regeneration Priority Project, Estuary-side 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 was completed at the end of 2011. The Estuaryside 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 Estuary-side 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 detailed Development Brief for the Estuaryside Transformation project. In addition an Exemption from Standing Orders is required for the extension of services of Savills and 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 Savills, Kensington Taylor, Lateral-MS and Sports Solutions to assist with the preparation of Development Briefs associated with the Estuary-side 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 Estuary-side 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 Savills with Sports Solutions have been involved in the project since April 2011 when they successfully tendered for the role of commercial agent and sports facilities consultant. Nick Jones of Savills and Anna Korceran of Sports Solutions have shown great enthusiasm and commitment throughout the original contract period and the Estates & Economics team now require both companies to continue assisting with the possible relocation of Exmouth Rugby Club and the successful delivery of the wider Estuaryside Transformation project.
- 1.2 To date, over the period of 20 months, [REDACTED] has been expended on Savills and Sports Solutions fees that have also include architectural drawings. A further [REDACTED] is expected over the course of the next year.
- 1.3 The Exmouth Rugby Club has specified its preference to move to the Rolle Playing fields, Douglas Avenue, Exmouth. To investigate the potential for new facilities at that site, work on design and estimated build costs for the scheme are required and we recommend continuing to use Lateral Management Services for quantity surveying purposes. .
- 1.4 Lateral Management Services successfully bid for work on the Queen's Drive, Exmouth Splash project, providing the most cost effective hourly rate for a senior QS. The estimate for work required as part of this project is [REDACTED]
- 1.5 Kensington Taylor Architects were instructed following a competitive bid process for the Marine Youth Facilities at the Imperial Recreation ground. As part of the negotiations between the Council and the Planning Authority it has been advised that a wider framework of development around the Camperdown Creek area needs to be shown. Architectural drawings showing the placement of buildings in relation to the Imperial Recreation Ground will provide justification for encroaching on open space for the Marine Youth Facilities. The additional fee for these works is estimated at [REDACTED]

Legal Implications

Three written quotations are required under Contract Standing Orders where the total estimated fee is about [REDACTED] Members may waive this requirement where they think it appropriate to do so and the reasons for this are set out fully in the report.

Financial Implications

There are no financial implications as a budget has already been identified as mentioned in the report.

Consultation on Reports to the Executive

The Exmouth Regeneration Project Team.

Background Papers

- Exmouth Masterplan Projects, Cabinet Report – 30 November 2011

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