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Award of Coastal Maintenance Contract 2019-2022

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2. Recommendation

- 2.1 **That the contract for the maintenance and enhancement of coast protection assets for the period 1 April 2019 to 31 March 2022 is awarded to Contractor A.**
- 2.2 **That authority be delegated to the Director of Planning and Environment, following consultation with the Cabinet Member for Environment Services, to extend the contract by mutual agreement for a further two years should the contractor performance meet Chichester District Council requirements.**

3. Background

- 3.1 A maintenance contractor is engaged to support Chichester District Council (CDC) in its role as Coast Protection Authority under the Coast Protection Act 1949. The current contract expires on 31 March 2019 and therefore a new contract is required.
- 3.2 The contract is to provide engineering work for routine maintenance of the coastal defences, including provision of an emergency call out service requiring the attendance on site within two hours for 365 days/year. The contractor will also undertake timber work for groynes enhancement as required for the beach management plan.
- 3.3 The contract was tendered under the Eastern Solent Coastal Partnership Coastal Engineering Minor Works Framework to which CDC is a signatory. The process involves a 'mini bid' whereby all previously approved contractors from a select list are invited to submit a tender.
- 3.4 The tender documents required contractors to submit prices (per year) against a menu of items that are representative of the required works. This enabled a direct comparison to be made between the tenderers.

- 3.5 All four contractors approved under Lot 3 - General Coastal Works were invited to bid. Two contractors submitted tenders. Under the assessment system based on 75% price and 25% quality, the points awarded to each tender were as follows:

Contractor A	Contractor B
96 Points	74 Points

4. Outcomes to be Achieved

- 4.1 The continuing maintenance of coastal structures to the highest standard for the available budget.
- 4.2 The appointment of a suitable contractor to carry out coastal maintenance and ancillary beach management plan works will enable CDC to ensure a fast effective response maintaining the good condition of our coastal assets.

5. Proposal

- 5.1 The proposal is to award a contract to contractor A for coastal maintenance for a three-year period from April 2019 to March 2022 with the ability to extend the contract by a further two years subject to mutual agreement.
- 5.2 The award of the contract will expedite delivery of both reactive and planned coastal works by removing the need to tender each small package of work.

6. Alternatives Considered

- 6.1 Coast protection is not a statutory duty but CDC has consistently used its permissive powers to reduce the risk of erosion. The alternative would be to not exercise those powers and request the Environment Agency to take over. The cost of doing so would be considerable and the loss of local accountability and potential risk of erosion and flooding of properties and land is considered unacceptable.

7. Resource and Legal Implications

- 7.1 The works will be funded from existing budgets; using the revenue budget for coast protection maintenance works, which during 2018-2019 was £27,600, the Beach Management Plan budget which includes £50,000 per year allocated for groyne enhancement and £10,000 from the Foreshore Budget.
- 7.2 The proposed contract has preliminary costs and emergency standby totalling £20,137 per annum. The works under the contract are identified during coastal inspections throughout the year up to the available budget.

8. Consultation

- 8.1 None.

9. Community Impact and Corporate Risks

- 9.1 Timely intervention to carry our repairs reinforces the community's sense of security and wellbeing and manages the risk of coastal erosion and flooding.

10. Other Implications

	Yes	No
Crime and Disorder		X
Climate Change and Biodiversity		X
Human Rights and Equality Impact		X
Safeguarding and Early Help		X
General Data Protection Regulations (GDPR)		X
Health and Wellbeing		X

11. Appendices

11.1 Tender Assessment [Exempt material: Paragraph 3 (information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the authority holding that information))].

12. Background Papers

12.1 None.