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Award of Coastal Maintenance Contract 2024-2029

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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 2024 to 31 March 2029 is awarded to Contractor C.**

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 2023 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 maintenance 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 Southern Coastal Group 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 and quantities per year. This enabled a direct comparison to be made between the tenderers.

- 3.5 All four contractors approved under Lot 1: General Coastal Civil Engineering Works were invited to bid. Three contractors submitted tenders. Under the assessment system based on 80% price and 20% quality, the points awarded to each tender were as follows:

Contractor A	Contractor B	Contractor C
12 Points	20 Points	96 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 competent contractor to carry out coastal maintenance and ancillary beach management plan works will enable CDC to ensure a fast effective response maintaining the condition of our coastal assets.
- 4.3 The contract will expedite delivery of both reactive and planned coastal works by removing the need to tender each small package of work.

5. Proposal

- 5.1 The proposal is to award a contract to contractor C for coastal maintenance for a five-year period from April 2024 to March 2029

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 2023-2024 was £47,300 and the Beach Management Plan budget which includes £50,000 per year allocated for groyne enhancement.
- 7.2 The works under the contract are identified and prioritised 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.