

# Chichester District Council

**CABINET**

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## **Coastal Management**

### **Award of Maintenance Contract 2015-2018**

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#### **2. Recommendation**

- 2.1. **That the Contract for the routine maintenance of coast protection assets for the period 1 April 2015 to 31 March 2018 is awarded to JT Mackley.**
- 2.2. **That authority be delegated to the Head of Housing and Environment Services (following consultation with the Cabinet Member for the Environment) to extend the contract by mutual agreement, for a further two years should the contractor perform satisfactorily.**

#### **3. Background**

##### **3.0 Main Report**

- 3.1. A maintenance contractor is engaged to support Chichester District Council in its role as Coast Protection Authority under the Coast Protection Act 1949. The current contract expires on 31 March 2015. Therefore, a new contract is required.
- 3.2. The budget for coast protection maintenance works during 2015-16 is a maximum of £75,200. The proposed contract has no fixed outlay other than preliminary costs and emergency standby totalling £12,580 pa. The contract is partially reactive and costs are dependent on routine inspection to identify works that are required during the year.
- 3.3. The Beach Management Plan (BMP) budget of £200,000 is comprised of £150,000 from central government and £50,000 from CDC maintenance funds. This leaves a residual £25,200 specifically for works not covered by the BMP.

- 3.4. The tender documents required contractors to submit prices 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. The Contract includes the provision of an emergency call out service requiring the attendance on site within 2hours for 365 days/year.
- 3.6. The Contract was tendered under the Eastern Solent Coastal Partnership Minor Works Framework (up to £250,000 value) 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 for the proposed works.
- 3.7. All 3 contractors approved for minor works (Lot 1 Maintenance of Timber Structures) submitted qualifying tenders. Under the assessment system based on 75% price and 25% quality, the points awarded to each tender were as follows:-

Bid 1	Bid 2	Bid 3
97 Points	54 Points	43 Points

#### **4. Outcomes to be achieved**

- 4.1. The continuing maintenance of coastal structures to the highest standard for the available budget
- 4.2. By using the framework to appoint a contractor to carry out coastal maintenance works as well as other works that will be funded from the BMP budget, we will be able to ensure a fast response and maintain the good condition of our coastal assets.

#### **5. Proposal**

- 5.1. To award the coastal maintenance contract for 2015 -2018 to the Bid 1 tenderer. The contract is extendable to 31 March 2020 subject to agreement and satisfactory performance.

#### **6. Alternatives**

- 6.1. Coast Protection is not a statutory duty but the Council 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 is considered unacceptable.

#### **7. Resource and legal implications**

- 7.1. The intended work is within existing budgets.

## 8. Consultation

8.1. Consultation was undertaken in relation to Shoreline Management Plan and Beach Management Plan both of which support the needs for these works.

## 9. Community impact and corporate risks

9.1. The impact of coast protection works on the community should not be underestimated. Timely intervention to carry out repairs reinforces the community's sense of security and wellbeing.

## 10. Other Implications

<b>Crime &amp; Disorder:</b>	None
<b>Climate Change:</b> This contract will enable us to improve resilience against the effects of climate change, particularly sea level rise.	
<b>Human Rights and Equality Impact:</b>	None
<b>Safeguarding:</b>	None

## 11. Appendices

11.1. None

## 12. Background Papers

12.1. None