

MINUTES OF THE PARRETT FINANCE AND WORKS SUB COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 30 MARCH 2023

Attendance:			
Elected Members: Mr T Bradford (C) Mr C Passmore Mr S Kingham	Appointed Members: Cllr M Caswell	Officers: Mr M Wall Mrs M Hammond Miss N Cornish	Public: Closed Meeting
Apologies:			
Mr J Winslade		Mr I Sturdy	
Non-Attendance:			
	Cllr A Betty		

Agenda Item:	Detail:	Action:
1. Attendance and Apologies	1.1. Apologies as per the above Attendance List.	
2. Items Additional to the Agenda	2.1. None	
3. Declarations of Interest	3.1. None	
4. Confidential Paper	<p>4.1 MSW handed out a confidential paper to Members and talked them through it. He said some areas had not received tenders so they proposed to award the contracts they have received interest in and will re-tender for the rest. He advised some of the larger contractors who had expressed an interest in the work gave feedback saying the 'lots' were not big enough.</p> <p>4.2. MSW said there were three tenders for RW16, Pawlett and two for RW15 Bridgwater. MW confirmed Ken Marsh did not submit any tenders to which Colin Passmore said he was shocked as he had given verbal interest. He queried whether Ken Marsh was concerned about the amount he would be able to charge. MSW said he had spoken to Ken who had too many other commitments to tender but would like to stay on the approved supplier list for future work.</p> <p>4.3. MSW ran through the scoring procedure advising it was worked out with price being 70%,</p>	

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	<p>capability 20% and delivery 10% so if two contractors submit the same price it can be awarded to one contractor over another on a rating score making it easier and fairer.</p> <p>4.4. There was some discussion around many parts of the Parrett area being specialist areas such as West Sedgemoor due to soft ground.</p> <p>4.5. Stuart Kingham said there seems to be a long list of contractors but no one wants to tender, and queried whether it was an issue over fuel prices.</p> <p>4.6. Tony Bradford said he feels they were led up the garden path over the review as less than three years down the line there are less contractors willing to do the work and the areas covered by inhouse staff aren't being tendered for. MSW said contractors cannot take on too much work as they cannot get the work done in the allotted time. Tony Bradford then suggested that the maintenance window was extended.</p> <p>4.7. MSW added that the areas which have been tendered for RW10, 15 & 16 have come in underbudget so there is a healthy budget available for the rest of the work.</p> <p>4.8. Tony Bradford said they should ask the Full Board if the Finance & Works Committee can have delegated powers to award the tenders as they see fit to speed up the process.</p> <p>4.9. Tony Bradford suggested approaching the Environment Agency under a public sector agreement. MSW said it may be an option to consider depending on how they get on with the next round of tendering.</p> <p>4.10 Cllr Michael Caswell asked whether there is a reason for the Contractors not tendering and if they had let the Board know they would not tender. MSW said a couple had emailed to say they would not tender but there were some who did not respond.</p> <p>Tony Bradford proposed and seconded by Cllr Michael Caswell 'to take the recommendations to the Full Board meeting - to accept the tenders received and go out to tender for the areas not tendered for' All in favour.</p>	<p>RESOLUTION 01</p>
<p>5. Any Other Business</p>	<p>5.1. None</p>	

Annex:

A. Parrett F&W Meeting – Table of Outstanding Actions

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**ANNEX A TO
PARRETT F&W COMMITTEE MINUTES
DATED 30 MARCH 2023**

PARRETT F&W MEETING – TABLE OF OUTSTANDING ACTIONS

Action Number:	Action:	Actionee: