

Environment Committee

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To consider Environment Project Tenders

Introduction

1. The Environment Committee have agreed monies to complete project work in the current financial year.
2. This report covers the projects: Deer Fencing for Mereland Road Allotments, Erosion works at Ladygrove Lakes and supply of a new trailer.

Recommendation

3. That council review the tenders and award the contracts for these 3 projects.

Background

4. Due to the problem of Muntjac deer damaging crops at Mereland allotments the boundary where the access allows ingress is being replaced by deer fencing: 1.9m high with 15cms buried to prevent burrowing.
5. Ladygrove Lakes erosion work covers correcting the bank erosion which occurs due to natural wave action on site. Backfilled bank edges are planted up to stabilise the edge. There is also a fish barrier mesh to be fitted to the boardwalk to allow a segregated amphibian area to survive and develop.
6. Trailer – our existing trailer has been welded several times and needs replacement. The new one to offer multi side tipping plus additional mesh extension sides for carrying mixed loads, along with parking brake, jack and lights for road use.

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7. Deer Fencing tender: Budget £3,750

Company A	wooden uprights	£1,680
	metal uprights	£2,490
Company B	metal uprights	£4,300
Company C	metal uprights	£4,773.35
“	“ + V-mex panels	£4,985.53

8. Company A offers very good value for money and is using galvanised high tensile deer netting and is within budget. Recommend using metal uprights at £2,490.

9. Ladygrove Lakes erosion works tender: Budget £6,500

Company A	Nicospan + backfill + planted coir rolls	£3,950
	Fish micromesh barrier	£1,250 = £5,200
Company A	Nicospan + backfill + hand plant plants	£3,080
	Fish debris mesh barrier	£260 = £3,340
Company B	Faggot revetment + planted coir rolls	£5,220
	Fish micromesh barrier	£1,375 = £6,595
Company C	did not submit a quote on this occasion.	

10. Recommend Company A using planted coir rolls which are more established with the finer micromesh fish barrier, at £5,200 which is within budget. Company B is using a more environmentally viable product in natural materials but there are on costs to add to price for welfare and accommodation of staff on site.

11. Trailer supply tender: Budget £2,800

Options for rear only or 3 way tipping. All trailers have mesh extension sides, parking brake, jack and road lighting with 2 tonne capacity.

Model:	Lewis rear tip	Tomlin rear tip	Warwick rear tip
Company A	£3,440	-----	£2,950
Company B	£3,575	£3,685	-----
Model:	Lewis 3 way tip	Tomlin 3 way tip	
Company A	£4,000	-----	
Company B	£4,075	£4,845	

Additional cost of spraying trailer blue: Company A £130, Company B £150.

12. The option of 3 way tipping is very useful and the additional cost of £560 on the cheapest Lewis model is good value for money. We already use this make on the tractor front forks/ bucket at present which has given good service over many years. Company A price for the 3 way tipping trailer is £4,000 – this is £1,200 over the original budget which was set for a standard trailer. Suggest that the opportunity to purchase this useful trailer is taken and that the deficit is taken from the balance in the overall projects budget which is underspent.

Financial Implications

12. The deer fencing and erosion works are well within the budget provision. The underspend on the fencing contract can fund the option to purchase the 3 way tipper so that the overall recommended spend on projects (£11,690) is within the budget of £13,050.

13. To comply with financial regulations for expenditure of £5,500 or less in value, the Town Clerk or for the Environment Committee – the Outdoor Services Manager, shall have executive power. For expenditure exceeding £5,560 but not exceeding £24,999 in value for the supply of goods or materials or for the execution of works quotations in writing from at least three firms shall be obtained by Officers under the direction of the Town Clerk or Outdoor Services Manager as appropriate, unless the service/goods is available from one specialist supplier only or for the reasons set out in paragraph 61 of the Financial Regulations.

Legal Implications

14. Contractors operate with their own company insurance cover for these specialist works with public liability insurance. Goods will not be paid for until the agreed works are finished and inspected for sign off.

15. Method of working and risk assessment required for physical works within the parks.

16. Supply of the trailer to be guaranteed road legal for use.

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Environment project tenders