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| Report of Head of Neighbourhood Services  To  Executive Mayor  On  13th April 2022 |
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| **AWARD OF CONTRACT FOR URBAN GREENING** | |

**1. SUMMARY**

1.1 Award of contract to carry out physical works to deliver the Urban Greening project using Accelerator funding as part of the Towns Fund to Galliford Try following a competitive procurement process.

**Key Decision**

This Decision is a Key Decision but it has not been possible to advertise this for the required 28 days and therefore it will be taken under the General Exception Procedure (3 .06.13.3).

**2. RECOMMENDATIONS**

**Recommendation to Executive Mayor**

(i) Award of contract to carry out works to deliver the Urban Greening project to Galliford Try.

**3. BACKGROUND**

3.1 The Urban Greening project has developed from the award of Accelerator funding in advance of the Towns Fund initiative from MHCLG, (now known as Department for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities, DLUHC), at a value of £1million.

3.2 Following the award of the funds, Via were appointed as design partner to progress initial feasibility work and designs to inform the approach to project delivery. On completion the priority projects were agreed as:

* Old Town Hall Memorial Garden (decision reference 21/04/R&G)
* Walkden Street Pocket Park
* Quaker Way Greening
* Stockwell Gate Under-Lighting
* Walkden Street/Stockwell Gate North Concourse

3.3 The lead design appointment was awarded to EDGE, with Via supporting, through the Pagabo framework, (decision reference 21/09/P&R), in order to progress through detailed design work and securing planning approval (2021/0696/COUR3 and 2021/0697/COUR3), and to procure a contractor to carry out the main physical works.

3.4 Procuring the contractor was carried out through the Pagabo framework, which generated two tender submissions, of which once evaluated the highest scoring was from Galliford Try.

3.5 Due to the current nature of the construction market and material costs, there has been some further negotiation on pricing, which has led to some delays in awarding the contract at a fixed price. Until the contract had been signed by both parties it could be subject to further variation as costs continue to rise across the sector. The scope of works also includes additional elements to enhance the drainage performance of the Old Town Hall site, in partnership with Severn Trent Water as part of their wider flood mitigation project.

**4. OPTIONS AVAILABLE**

4.1 Deliver as planned – Award the contract to Galliford Try to deliver the physical works on the Urban Greening project as outlined above.

4.2 Do Nothing – Cease the project at this point and carry out no physical works on site to deliver against the designs, and repay the funds back to DLUHC. This option is not the preferred option as expectations have been raised and design work costs would be abortive.

**5. RISK ASSESSMENT OF RECOMMENDATIONS AND OPTIONS**

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| **Risk** | **Risk Assessment** | **Risk Level** | **Risk Management** |
| **Option 1** | | | |
| Finance | Increased costs due to delay of award of contract | High | Award contract |
| **Option 2** | | | |
| Finance | Cease project and repay funds to DLUHC | Medium | Implement Option 1 |
| Reputational | Failure to deliver project would cause reputational harm to the authority. | High | Implement Option 1 |
| Reputational & Financial | Failure to deliver project would significantly impact on ability to deliver against Making Mansfield 2030 priorities. | High | Implement Option 1 or source alternative projects to meet priorities at additional cost to the authority. |

**6. ALIGNMENT TO COUNCIL PRIORITIES**

6.1 Making Mansfield – Towards 2030 sets out the strategy to build on the strong foundations of past successes and reflect Mansfield’s resilience and innate desire to improve and move forward.

6.2 The core priorities for the Place theme within the strategy aiming to deliver a place to be proud of and a place of choice, with the specific objectives relating to this project to:

* Create and communicate a positive image of the Mansfield district.
* Preserve, enhance and promote our natural environment and physical assets across the district
* Improve the town centre experience for residents, visitors and businesses
* Create a positive cultural and leisure experience for residents and visitors in the area.
* Create a clean, green infrastructure that supports and enhances the quality of life for resident

**7. IMPLICATIONS**

(a) Relevant Legislation – N/A

(b) Human Rights – N/A

(c) Equality and Diversity – N/A

(d) Climate change and environmental sustainability – The memorial garden will include the use of SuDS (Sustainable Drainage Systems) in partnership with Severn Trent to alleviate flooding.

(e) Crime and Disorder – N/A

(f) Budget /Resource – This project is funded entirely from £1million Accelerator funding from MHCLG, as per the decision at Council on 13th October 2020)

**8. COMMENTS OF STATUTORY OFFICERS**

(a) Head of Paid Service – No specific comments

(b) Deputy Monitoring Officer – No specific comments

(c) Section 151 Officer – No specific comments

**9. CONSULTATION**

9.1 Planning approval has been secured for the works to deliver the Old Town Hall Memorial Garden and Walkden Street Pocket Park, which included consultation with neighbours and advertising the proposals publicly.

**10. BACKGROUND PAPERS**

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