

WEST DUNBARTONSHIRE COUNCIL**Report by Strategic Director – Transformation & Public Service Reform****Tendering Committee: 19 February 2020**

Subject: Contract Authorisation Report – Public Realm Works at Sylvania Way, Clydebank

1. Purpose

1.1 The purpose of this report is to seek the approval of the Tendering Committee to authorise the Strategic Lead - Regulatory to conclude the award of the contract for Public Realm Works at Sylvania Way, Clydebank, Phase 1.

2. Recommendations

2.1 It is recommended that the Tendering Committee:

- a) Authorise the Strategic Lead Regulatory to conclude on behalf of West Dunbartonshire Council (the Council), the award of the contract for Public Realm Works at Sylvania Way, Clydebank, Phase 1 to RJ McLeod (Contractors) Limited.
- b) Note that the contract shall be for a period of seven months and at a value of £375,686.00 ex VAT. The contract start date will be 1 March 2020.

3. Background

3.1 The Scottish Government introduced a £50m fund for Town Centre's and the Council has been allocated a sum of £859,000. The fund will support "*place based economic investments which encourage Town Centre's to diversify and flourish, creating footfall through local improvements and partnerships*". The Sylvania Way project was identified as one of the projects which would be funded by the Town Centre Fund (TCF). The TCF responds to longer term aspirations for the regeneration of the town centre.

3.2 The following main measures are included as part of an overall public realm improvement scheme: The results where:

- Alterations to the layout to create a more pedestrian friendly environment;
- Installation of new quality pedestrian surfaces;
- New street furniture and improvements street lighting; and
- Introduction of new soft landscaping.

3.3 The budget of £250,000 through the use of the TCF for Public Realm Works at Sylvania Way, Clydebank, Phase 1, was approved at the IRED committee on 21 August 2019. This procurement exercise has been conducted in accordance with the Council's Standing Orders and Financial Regulations and

the *Public Contracts (Scotland) Regulations 2016* (below the EU threshold) for Works. A Contract Strategy document was also approved by the Business Partner - Strategic Procurement (Place) on 14 November 2019.

4. Main Issues

- 4.1** A contract notice was published on the Public Contracts Scotland advertising portal on 19 November 2019. A total of 17 contractors' expressed an interest, with five contractors' submitting a response by the deadline for the submissions on 19 December 2019.
- 4.2** Five tender submissions were evaluated by representatives from Regeneration, Economic Development, the Corporate Procurement Unit and Finance Services against pre-determined selection criteria forming part of the published tender documents which assessed competence, experience and capacity. Five tender submissions passed the selection criteria.
- 4.3** Five tender submissions were evaluated against a set of award criteria which was based on a Price / Quality ratio of 60 % / 40%. The scores relative to the award criteria of each tender, are as follows:

	Weighting	Hillhouse Quarry Group Ltd	Landscape and Contracts	Luddon Construction Ltd	MacLay Civil Engineering Ltd	RJ McLeod Construction Ltd
Quality of Service	16%	12%	8%	12%	16%	16%
Service (8%)						
Risk Register	3%	2.4%	1.6%	1.6%	2.4%	3%
Contract Delivery	2%	1.8%	1.2%	1.8%	1.8%	1.8%
Business Continuity	3%	1.8%	1.2%	1.8%	2.4%	2.4%
Business Trading	8%	8%	2%	6%	6%	8%
Team Structure	4%	3%	3%	3%	3%	3%
Social Benefits (4%)						
Sustainability	1.2%	0.9%	0.6%	0.9%	0.9%	0.9%
Social Benefits Deliverables	2.52%	1.9%	2.5%	1.9%	1.9%	1.9%
Social Benefits Method Statement	0.28%	0.2%	0.2%	0.2%	0.2%	0.2%
Quality Sub-Total %:	40%	32.0%	20.3%	29.2%	34.6%	37.2%
Price		£392,766.40	£310,165.60	£381,494.10	£455,884	£375,686
Price Sub Total %	60%	47.3%	60%	48.7%	40.8%	49.5%
Total Score	100%	79.3%	80.3%	77.9%	75.4%	86.7%

- 4.4** It is recommended that the contract is awarded to RJ McLeod (Contractors) Limited, 2411 London Road, Glasgow, G32 8XT, who has provided the most economically advantageous tender. The contract shall be for a period of seven months at a value of £375,686.00 ex VAT. The value of the contract is above the value approved by the IRED Committee and the extra funding will be provided by the Local Economic Budget.
- 4.5** RJ McLeod (Contractors) Limited has committed to follow Fair Working Practices by being a National Living Wage accredited employer.
- 4.6** RJ McLeod (Contractors) Limited have committed to delivery of the following social benefits as a result of delivery of this contract:
- Sponsoring a charity that promotes physical or mental health or wellbeing to the value of £300 per annum;
 - Deliver quarterly workshops for 2 sessions per quarter, covering career skills, mock interviews etc., within school or community learning environment; and
 - Facilitate quarterly work experience opportunities covering a range of work based skills fro a minimum of 1 person for a 35 hour week.

The social benefits will be discussed at the implementation meeting with RJ McLeod (Contractors) Limited and actions to take these forward will be agreed.

5. People Implications

- 5.1** There are no people implications.

6. Financial and Procurement Implications

- 6.1** Financial costs in respect of this contract will be met from the approved £250,000 from the TCF grant. The additional cost over the agreed TCF, of £125,686, will be delivered by the Local Economic Budget.
- 6.2** This procurement exercise was conducted in accordance with the agreed contract strategy produced by the Corporate Procurement Unit in close consultation with Economic Development officers and the provisions of Contract Standing Orders, the Financial Regulations and relevant procurement legislation.

7. Risk Analysis

- 7.1** Should the Tendering Committee decide not to proceed as recommended then this will delay the project, may have financial implications and may result in legal challenge.

8. Equalities Impact Assessment (EIA)

8.1 An equalities screening was undertaken for this reports to determine if there is an equalities impact. The results are that there is no equalities impact.

9. Consultation

9.1 A consultation has taken place with internal stakeholders, Counsellors and a Public Consultation at the site with the local community and local businesses. Proposals have been well received.

10. Strategic Assessment

10.1 The works undertaken will contribute to delivery of the Council strategic priorities by supporting the strong local economy and improved employment opportunities.

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Appendices: Not Applicable

Background Papers: The Contract Strategy
EIA Screening

Wards Affected: Ward 5 – Clydebank Central