

WEST DUNBARTONSHIRE COUNCIL

Report by Strategic Lead – Resources

Tendering Committee: 24 April 2019

Subject: Contract Authorisation Report - Antonine Wall Play Park

1. Purpose

- 1.1** The purpose of this report is to seek the approval of Tendering Committee to authorise the Strategic Lead - Regulatory to conclude the award of the contract for the Construction of Antonine Wall Play Park.

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 under the Scotland Excel Framework Agreement (FA) (02-15) for Outdoor Play Equipment and Artificial Surfaces for the Antonine Wall Play Park to Sutcliffe Play (Scotland) Ltd.; and
- b) Note that the contract shall be for a period of sixteen weeks and at a value of £114,000 (excluding VAT).

3. Background

- 3.1** At the Planning Committee on 15 November 2017 a report entitled “Antonine Wall Heritage Lottery Fund Playpark Tender” was approved authorising the procurement of design and build play park in Old Kilpatrick at Goldenhill Park. However progress on this was reliant on the outcome of a funding bid to the Heritage Lottery Fund (HLF). The report identified £25,000 Council funding to support this project.
- 3.2** At the Planning Committee on 30 May 2018 a report was approved: “*Rediscovering the Antonine Wall Project – Submission of Stage 2 Heritage Lottery Fund Bid*”. Thereafter the bid was approved and the projects within the bid are now progressing. One of the projects identified in that Committee report was to develop a new play park in Old Kilpatrick, which had been previously been approved for tender at the Planning Committee on 15 November 2017.
- 3.3** Following this further work has allowed other funding to be accessed to support this project and the Antonine Wall Play Park will now be part funded by WREN (distributor of a landfill tax fund) and the Heritage Lottery Fund (HLF), with the Council financing the remainder of the cost as part of the match-funding that was part of the HLF bid.

- 3.4** The purpose of the project is to raise awareness of the Antonine Wall locally and amongst visitors, leading to social, cultural and economic benefits for the Council and the other Antonine Wall partner authority areas which are East Dunbartonshire Council, Glasgow City Council, North Lanarkshire Council, and Falkirk Council.
- 3.5** The requirement is to procure the services of a contractor(s) to install a pre-approved Roman themed design Play Park at Goldenhill Park, Duntocher, Clydebank. The Antonine Wall forms part of the Frontiers of the Roman Empire World Heritage Site.
- 3.6** This procurement exercise has been conducted in accordance with the Council's Standing Orders and Financial Regulations and the Public Contracts (Scotland) Regulations 2015 for Works. A Contract Strategy document was also approved by the Business Partner for Strategic Procurement (Place) on 1 March 2019.
- 3.7** The Contract Strategy identified that the preferred procurement route was a mini competition call-off from the Scotland Excel Framework Agreement for Outdoor Play Equipment and Artificial Surfaces. All eleven contractors on the relevant Lot within the framework (Lot 1) were invited to bid for the Council's requirement through the Public Contracts Scotland Tender portal on 6 March 2019. One contractor submitted a response by the deadline for the submissions of 12:00pm on 26 March 2019.

4. Main Issues

- 4.1** The tender submission was evaluated by representatives from Planning, Greenspace Service Departments, Corporate Procurement Unit and Ironside Farra the consultants for the design of this project, against pre-determined selection criteria forming part of the published tender documents which assessed competence, experience, and capacity. The submitted tender passed this stage of the process.
- 4.2** The tender submission was then evaluated against a set of award criteria which was based on Most Economically Advantageous Tender with 90% of the overall evaluation score given to Quality and 10% of the overall evaluation score given to Price (quality:cost ratio). The scores relative to the award criteria of each tenderer, are as follows:

	Weighting	Sutcliffe Play (Scotland) Ltd
Quality (90%)		
Project Team	9%	6.75%
Methodology & Resources	9%	6.75%
Programme	9%	6.75%
Play & Interpretation Product Information	45%	22.5%
Communication & Engagement	9%	6.75%
Community Benefits & Corporate Responsibilities	9%	2.25%
Quality Sub-Total %:	(90%)	51.75%
Price (10%)		
Total Price	(10)%	£114,000
Price Sub Total £	100%	100%
Price Sub Total %	(10%)	10%
Total Score	100%	100%

4.3 Based on the above it is recommended that the contract is awarded to Sutcliffe Play (Scotland) Ltd, Dundee, who has provided the most economically advantageous tender. The contract shall be for a period of sixteen weeks at a value of £114,000, excl. VAT.

4.4 Sutcliffe Play (Scotland) Ltd has committed to follow Fair Working Practices by paying above the living wage.

4.5 Sutcliffe Play (Scotland) Ltd have committed to deliver the following social benefits as a result of delivery of this contract:

- Run onsite visits and construction awareness visits to local primary schools and community groups;
- Employing a local play contractor to carry out the installation and onsite management of this area; and
- Using local contractors, landscape and aggregate material to support the installation.

5. People Implications

5.1 There are no people implications.

6. Financial and Procurement Implications

6.1 The cost of these works of £114,000 will be funded as follows:

- WREN £80,000;
- HLF £10,776; and
- WDC £23,224.

The Council funding is from the Council match-funding as identified in the report to Planning Committee on 30 May 2018. The Council element of the funding is at the level required to fund the cost of the project and therefore there is no under or overspending to report and the remainder of the £25,000 identified in the 15 November 2017 report will be used as match-funding for other aspects of the HLF bid.

- 6.2** This procurement exercise was conducted in accordance with the agreed Contract Strategy produced by the Corporate Procurement Unit in close consultation with Transformation & Public Service Reform officers and the provisions of Contract Standing Orders, the Financial Codes and relevant procurement legislation.

7. Risk Analysis

- 7.1** The successful supplier has no known links to Serious and Organised Crime which would have significant political and reputational ramifications for the Council.
- 7.2** Should the Tendering Committee decide not to proceed as recommended then this will delay the project, may have financial implications.

8. Equalities Impact Assessment (EIA)

- 8.1** An equalities screening has been carried out and there is no equalities impact.

9. Consultation

- 9.1** West Dunbartonshire's Planning Services have been consulted regarding the contents of this report.

10. Strategic Assessment

- 10.1** The construction of the Antonine Wall Play Park will contribute to the following Council strategic objective:
- Improving the wellbeing of communities.

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Appendices:

None

Background Papers:

Planning Committee Report 30 May 2018: Rediscovering
the Antonine Wall Project – Submission of Stage 2
Heritage Lottery Fund Bid;
The Contract Strategy; and
EIA Screening.

Wards Affected:

4 - Kilpatrick