

REPORT TO: Cabinet Member - Environmental
Cabinet

DATE: 20th October 2010
28th October 2010

SUBJECT: Regional Coastal Monitoring Programme 2011-2015 Procurement Strategy

WARDS AFFECTED: Meols, Cambridge, Dukes, Ainsdale, Harrington, Manor, Blundellsands,
Church, Linacre

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**EXEMPT/
CONFIDENTIAL:** No

PURPOSE/SUMMARY:

Report detailing the proposed procurement strategy for the Regional Coastal Monitoring Programme for 2011-2015.

REASON WHY DECISION REQUIRED:

Sefton Council's Constitution requires Cabinet approval for the establishment of a framework which will incur expenditure over £500k through the duration of the programme

RECOMMENDATION(S):

It is recommended that the:

1. Cabinet Member – Environmental notes the report
2. Cabinet approve the establishment of a framework for regional coastal monitoring activities.

KEY DECISION: No

FORWARD PLAN: No

IMPLEMENTATION DATE: Following the expiry of the “call-in” period for the Minutes of the Cabinet Meeting

ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS:

Every element of work will have to undergo appropriate procurement methodologies as defined in the constitution; this will involve repeating quality assurance tasks on a number of occasions resulting in significantly more work.

IMPLICATIONS:**Budget/Policy Framework:**

Financial: None arising directly from this report

<u>CAPITAL EXPENDITURE</u>	2006/ 2007 £	2007/ 2008 £	2008/ 2009 £	2009/ 2010 £
Gross Increase in Capital Expenditure				
Funded by:				
Sefton Capital Resources				
Specific Capital Resources				
<u>REVENUE IMPLICATIONS</u>				
Gross Increase in Revenue Expenditure				
Funded by:				
Sefton funded Resources				
Funded from External Resources				
Does the External Funding have an expiry date? Y/N				
How will the service be funded post expiry?				

Legal: None

Risk Assessment:

Asset Management: Coastal asset inspections, evidence for risk based analysis

CONSULTATION UNDERTAKEN/VIEWS

CORPORATE OBJECTIVE MONITORING:

<u>Corporate Objective</u>		<u>Positive Impact</u>	<u>Neutral Impact</u>	<u>Negative Impact</u>
1	Creating a Learning Community		✓	
2	Creating Safe Communities		✓	
3	Jobs and Prosperity		✓	
4	Improving Health and Well-Being		✓	
5	Environmental Sustainability		✓	
6	Creating Inclusive Communities		✓	
7	Improving the Quality of Council Services and Strengthening local Democracy		✓	
8	Children and Young People		✓	

LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS RELIED UPON IN THE PREPARATION OF THIS REPORT

Previous Committee Report to Cabinet Member, Environmental on 10th February 2010, 'Regional Coastal Monitoring Programme'.

National Network of Strategic Regional Coastal Monitoring Programmes (2011-2016) Strategic Appraisal Report v1.0 30th March 2010

Background

1. Sefton Council has been the lead Authority for the North West Regional Coastal Monitoring Programme since 2007.
2. Regional coastal monitoring programmes need to collect core essential data that is subsequently used to continuously improve understanding of coastal processes and shoreline change, in order to inform decisions relating to management issues, including the assessment of coastal erosion and sea flooding risk and the selection of relevant long-term management policies or options to manage such risk, including providing advice essential for future adaptation in response to climate change.
3. A National Network of Regional Coastal Monitoring Programmes, including representatives from all programmes from around England and Wales, was established in 2009 to further develop the programmes, enhance knowledge and expertise and support grant applications.
4. A co-ordinated grant application was made to the Environment Agency in May 2010 on behalf of each region for the period 2011-2016, with £5.3million allocated to the North West. This submission received a recommendation for approval by the Environment Agency National Review Group. This group also recommended a co-ordinated procurement strategy.

Proposal

5. Separate regional frameworks will be established in a coordinated programme through the National Network to ensure the criteria are applied equally across the country. All Sefton Council procurement regulations will be followed throughout this procedure. This process will include a Pre-Qualification Questionnaire to ensure companies are able to deliver the services to the required specifications.
6. The framework will include work packages for:
 - a. Bathymetric surveys
 - b. Topographic surveys
 - c. Aerial surveys
 - d. Lidar surveys
 - e. Ecological mapping
 - f. Hydrodynamic data collection
 - g. Analytical services

Benefits

7. The framework does not form any sort of contract between the Council and any of the contractors on the framework; if preferred, the Council doesn't have to use the framework.
8. The framework will have quality assessed contractors ensuring their ability to fulfil the contracts.
9. The framework will give the Council maximum flexibility for procurement for coastal monitoring requirements for the next five years.
10. The Council reserves the right to use in-house teams, where preferred.