

REPORT TO: Cabinet Member (Leisure and Tourism)
Cabinet

DATE: 2nd December 2009
17th December 2009

SUBJECT: Tree Planting Contract 2009/10
Receipt of Tenders

WARDS AFFECTED: All

REPORT OF: Graham Bayliss - Leisure Director

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EXEMPT/CONFIDENTIAL: No

PURPOSE/SUMMARY:

To report on the receipt of tenders for the Tree Planting Contract 2009/10 and inclusion of the scheme within the Capital Programme.

REASON WHY DECISION REQUIRED:

The reporting of the receipt of tenders to this value is required within the Councils Constitution and the Inclusion of schemes within the Capital programme are a matter for Cabinet.

RECOMMENDATION (S):

Cabinet Member (Leisure and Tourism):

- i.) accept the lowest price tender submitted for Tree Planting works in the sum of £112,491.00
- ii.) authorise the Legal Director to enter into contract
- iii.) Requests Cabinet to include the sum of £195,500 in the Department's 2009/10 Capital Programme for Tree planting

Cabinet:

- i) Approve the inclusion of the scheme in the Leisure and Tourism Capital Programme

KEY DECISION: Yes

FORWARD PLAN: Yes – Published 11 November 2009

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

ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS:

Not to tender the tree Planting works would result in no tree planting being undertaken to Sefton’s parks, open spaces, and Highways.
Realistically, there are no alternative options to this approach.

IMPLICATIONS:

Budget/Policy Framework:

Financial: Capital resources are funded from Section 106 monies. Revenue expenditure is Funded from both Sefton resources and external income.

CAPITAL EXPENDITURE	2009/ 2010 £	2010/ 2011 £	2011/ 2012 £	2012/ 2013 £
Gross Increase in Capital Expenditure	195,500			
Funded by:				
Sefton Capital Resources				
Specific Capital Resources	195,500			
<u>REVENUE IMPLICATIONS</u>				
Gross Increase in Revenue Expenditure	41,500	5,500	8,000	
Funded by:				
Sefton funded Resources	9,300	1,200	1,800	
Funded from External Resources	32,200	4,300	6,200	
Does the External Funding have an expiry date? Y/N	When?			
How will the service be funded post expiry?				

Legal:

Risk Assessment:

Asset Management:

CONSULTATION UNDERTAKEN/VIEWS

FD 240 The Finance and IS Director has been consulted and his comments have been incorporated into this report.
Network Management
Planning Director

<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

Reports and minutes of the following meetings:

Cabinet: 11th December 2008

Cabinet Member for Leisure and Tourism: 3rd December 2008

Cabinet Member for Technical Services: 3rd December 2008

Cabinet Member for Leisure and Tourism: 10th September 2008

Cabinet: 12th June 2008

Scrutiny & Review Committee (Regeneration): 15th April 2008

Scrutiny & Review Committee (Social & Community Services): 6th December 2005

Cabinet: 18th December 2003

Scrutiny & Review Committee (Social & Community Services): 8th December 2003

1.0 BACKGROUND:

- 1.1 Section 106 and other funding is available for the provision of new street trees in Sefton.
- 1.2 This work has now been tendered and this document reports on the receipt of tenders.

2.0 TENDER PROCESS

- 2.1 The Tree Planting and Establishment works have been tendered based on a remeasurable Bill of Quantities (as the exact detail of species and location of tree planting is unknown at the start of the planting season and consultation exercises will have an influence on these).
- 2.2 Tenders were invited following the formation of a select list of tenderers who specialize in tree planting and establishment works (presented in alphabetical order):

- i.) Barton Grange Landscapes, Preston
- ii.) English Landscapes Ltd, Southport
- iii.) JA Jones and Sons, Southport
- iv.) Glendale Countryside, Chorley.
- v.) Lanes Landscapes Ltd, Manchester

- 2.3 Tenders were received as follows (presented in numerical order):

- 1.) £112,491.00
- 2.) £113,167.00
- 3.) £122,635.83
- 4.) £123,493.76
- 5.) declined to tender

- 2.4 Following the correction of arithmetic errors, and omissions, the revised figures are as follows (presented in numerical order):

- 1.) £112,491.00
- 2.) £114,471.70
- 3.) £121,968.48
- 4.) £123,463.76
- 5.) declined to tender

- 2.5 It is, therefore, recommended that the lowest price tender to the sum of £112,491.00 be accepted.

- 2.6 In addition to the above tree pits will need to be created on the highway, this work has previously been tendered through the Network Management and will be issued to one of their approved contractors. £83,009 is allocated to this.

3.0 BUDGET

- 3.1 £250,500 is available for tree planting across the Borough in 2009/10.
- 3.2 This funding is made up predominantly from Section 106 sums, with smaller contributions also from the Formby Area Committee and Formby Parish Council, from Mersey Forest, and from in house revenue resources.
- 3.3 The total of Section 106 monies and other funding available is distributed across the Area Committees as follows:

Area Committee	S106 funding	Other funding	Approx. No of trees to be planted
Crosby	£18,500	£420	42
Formby	£250	£3830	8
Linacre and Derby	£91,500	£8,500	222
Litherland and Ford	£7,200	£2600	23
Sefton East Parishes	£13,500	£0	30
St Oswalds, Netherton and Orrell	£23,000	£0	51
Southport	£72,000	£9,700	180
Total	£225,950	£25,050	556

- 3.4 In accordance with the Supplementary Planning Guidance Note 'Trees and Development', the funding is to be apportioned as follows:
- 78% for capital costs (which is to be written into the Capital Programme) and
 - 22% for longer-term management of the trees.
- 3.5 Therefore, the budget available for tree planting is £195,500 (approximately). The remaining funds will be set aside in a holding account to offset future maintenance costs.
- 3.6 The above equates to some 560 number trees to be planted across the borough before the end of March 2010.

4.0 PROGRAMME OF WORK

- 4.1 The work is to start on site in January 2010 and be complete by the end of March 2010.

5.0 CONSULTATION

- 5.1 Ward Members will be consulted on tree planting proposals prior to resident consultation (via leaflets and newsletters). This will all take place at least 21 days prior to works commencing on site. Views received will, as appropriate, assist in developing the proposals.

5.2 It is worth noting that a Tree Planting Strategy is currently being developed which will assist in directing future planting works and allocation of resources. This will identify, within each area committee boundary, the highest priority streets for tree planting works to take place. This draft strategy will be reported to area committees early in 2010 and will be presented to Cabinet Member for adoption in due course.

6.0 RECOMMENDATION (S):

6.1 Cabinet Member (Leisure and Tourism) is requested to:

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Cabinet:
- iii) Requests Cabinet to include the sum of £195,500 in the Department's 2009/10 Capital Programme for Tree planting

6.2 Cabinet is requested to:

- i) Approve the inclusion of the scheme in the Leisure and Tourism Capital Programme