

REPORT TO: Cabinet

DATE: 15th April 2010

SUBJECT: Rimrose Hope CE Primary School, Seaforth
- Tenders for Landscaping Works

WARDS AFFECTED: Litherland and Church

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**EXEMPT/
CONFIDENTIAL:** No

PURPOSE/SUMMARY:

This report is to advise Members of tenders received in respect of the landscape works at the new Rimrose Hope Primary School.

REASON WHY DECISION REQUIRED:

To enable acceptance of tenders and to thereby allow the timetable for implementation and expenditure to be met.

RECOMMENDATION(S):

It is recommended that:

- (i) Subject to checking Cabinet approves acceptance of the lowest tender received in the sum of £ 194,529.00
- (ii) Subject to (i) above the Legal Director be requested to enter into a formal contract with the successful tenderer

KEY DECISION: No

FORWARD PLAN: Not Appropriate

IMPLEMENTATION DATE: Immediately following expiry of the call in period

ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS:

All alternative options have been considered and have been discounted.

IMPLICATIONS:**Budget/Policy Framework:**

Included within the Children's Services Capital Programme is provision for this scheme totalling £6,314,750, this includes provision for landscaping works.

Financial

Tenders are due to be received on Thursday 1st April 2010 for the landscaping works at the new Rimrose Hope Primary School, Seaforth.

Details of the tenders received and the resultant overall financial implications are set out in paragraph 2.2 and 3.2 respectively.

<u>CAPITAL EXPENDITURE</u>	2009/ 2010 £	2010/ 2011 £	2011/ 2012 £	2012/ 2013 £
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	N/A			
How will the service be funded post expiry?	N/A			

Legal: Not appropriate

Risk Assessment: Not appropriate

Asset Management: Not Applicable

CONSULTATION UNDERTAKEN/VIEWS

The Children's Services Department have been consulted and any comments have been taken into account in preparing this report.

FD 369 - The Head of Corporate Finance & Information Services has been consulted and has no comments on this report.

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

Children's Services Capital Programme

1.0 BACKGROUND

- 1.1 Members will recall that in 2008 the Children's Services Department secured Targeted Capital Funding (TCF) towards the cost of building a new 1½ FE school to replace Beach Road and William Gladstone CE Primary Schools.
- 1.2 Cabinet, at its meeting on 20th March 2008, approved acceptance of the most advantageous main contractor tender and the appointment of Morgan Ashurst to carry out the works.
- 1.3 Although it was initially intended that Morgan Ashurst would undertake all works, including landscaping, it was subsequently established that soil testing would be required on the footprint of the previous school before the landscaping works could be carried out. This testing extended over a period of several months and it became apparent that it would therefore be impractical and uneconomic for Morgan Ashurst to be retained to carry out the delayed landscaping works.
- 1.4 The new school buildings were completed in the summer of 2009, since when they have been in use by the new Rimrose Hope C of E Primary School. The former William Gladstone school buildings were demolished shortly after they were vacated and soil testing to the building footprint has now been concluded.
- 1.5 It is now possible to proceed with the landscaping works, which includes: new paving, fencing, retaining walls, drainage, grassed play areas and planting beds.

2.0 TENDER ACTION

- 2.1 Tenders to carry out the landscaping works have been invited from suitably qualified and experienced contractors, as follows (in alphabetical order):

J. Armor Ltd	Melling
D. Henderson & Son	Southport
Dowhigh Ltd	Netherton
Lyjon Company Ltd	Ellesmere Port
Mellwood Construction Ltd	Huyton
G. Thornton Contracts Ltd	Accrington

- 2.2 Tenders were received on Thursday 1st April 2010, as follows:

Tenderer	Tender	Contract Period
1	£258,750.80	8 Working Weeks
2	£252,254.00	8 Working Weeks
3	£216,422.00	8 Working Weeks
4	£194,529.00	8 Working Weeks
5	£246,193.00	8 Working Weeks

- 2.3 The tenders received will be subject to technical and arithmetical checking. Acceptance of the lowest tender will be subject to such checking

3.0 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 3.1 Included within the Children's Services Capital Programme is provision for this scheme totalling £6,314,750 this includes provision for landscaping works.
- 3.2 Subject to the acceptance of the lowest tender received the financial implications may be summarised as follows:

Lowest Tender Received	£ 194,529.00
<u>Add</u>	
Legal Department Fees	£ 3,000.00
Professional Fees	£ 23,946.52
Total Scheme Cost	£ 221,475.52

3.3 The total cost does not exceed the budget provision and Cabinet is therefore requested to give consideration to accepting the lowest tender received.

4.0 RECOMMENDATIONS

It is recommended that:

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