

# INFORMATION ITEM

REPORT OF	MEETING	DATE	ITEM NO
DEVELOPMENT SERVICES DIRECTORATE	TOURISM AND LEISURE COMMITTEE	5 SEPTEMBER 2019	10
<b>FAIRHAVEN HERITAGE LOTTERY PROJECT UPDATE</b>			

## PUBLIC ITEM

This item is for consideration in the public part of the meeting.

### SUMMARY OF INFORMATION

Since the last report in June 2019, Officers have been further progressing the planned delivery phase of the restoration project; the main tasks have included completing the technical design of the project, preparing and issuing tender documentation for contractors and continuation of the planned activity and events programme during the summer season. These main tasks are further expanded upon below.

#### Design

The architectural tender packages (buildings) were completed in early July 2019, following further input from the structural engineer and the M&E engineer. The landscape design package was also completed in early July 2019. These documents will form part of the formal tender documents.

The interpretation scheme (which will be procured separately to the main contract) was presented to the Project Board and approved on 27<sup>th</sup> June 2019.

There are several packages which will sit outside of the main contract; these being Adventure Play Area (procured separately to ensure greater value for money) and completion of the circular pathway (due to uncertainties regarding access from the adjacent sea defence project). These will be delivered as separate projects alongside the main works.

The Lake package design (procured as a separate specialist package to the main works) will be completed by April 2020 following the pilot project scheme, with procurement to take place over the summer period 2020 and works on site to start in Autumn 2020.

#### Tender Documentation and Programme

The tender documents were issued on the 1<sup>st</sup> August to the following tender shortlist following a selection questionnaire exercise:

- F Parkinson
- Conlon
- J Robinson
- Casey
- Rosslee
- R P Tyson

The tender submission date is Friday 13<sup>th</sup> September. The tenders will be evaluated on a 60%/40% price quality basis and in accordance with the criteria set out within the invitation to tender document.

The evaluation and resulting reporting process will take approximately 2 weeks to complete, at which point a report will be prepared and presented to the Tourism and Leisure Committee to confirm appointment of the

selected contractor to undertake the building and landscape works at Fairhaven.

As the tender process is not aligned with the Committee cycle, Officers will request that a special Tourism and Leisure Committee is arranged to approve the appointment of the Contractor and allow drawdown of capital funds. The most likely date to be requested will be the 4<sup>th</sup> October, however this will be confirmed closer to the time of tender submission. Another risk to this date will be the extent (if required) of Value Engineering, should the tender price submissions return higher than anticipated.

### **Activity and Events Programme**

The delivery of the Activity Plan is well under way with many of year one key events and activities being successfully completed. Highlights include the Fairhaven Open Day, the Big Picnic (organised in partnership with The Friends Of Fairhaven Lake), the community Theatre project and associated performances and the summer holiday family events covering orienteering, wildlife and heritage. Pilot school water sport sessions have proven very successful with 5 different schools taking part in a kayak taster lesson. The high demand has resulted in additional sessions being delivered through our partners Outdoor Education North West in September.

Volunteer and community engagement continues with the volunteer development plan now in place and the forming of the Fairhaven Lake Youth Council. The community nursery is in development with the poly tunnel now in place, more physical works are due to be completed before volunteers are recruited.

The evaluation framework for all activity is now in place with participant feedback and consultation being recorded and monitored.

The next key date is the return of the Fairhaven Regatta due to take place on Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> September.

### **SOURCE OF INFORMATION**

Charlie Richards, Fairhaven Project Officer

### **WHY IS THIS INFORMATION BEING GIVEN TO THE COMMITTEE?**

A request was made at the Tourism & Leisure Committee held on the 7<sup>th</sup> September 2017 for a regular information item to be presented to the Committee.

### **FURTHER INFORMATION**

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