

## INFORMATION ITEM

REPORT OF	MEETING	DATE	ITEM NO
DEVELOPMENT SERVICES DIRECTORATE	TOURISM AND LEISURE COMMITTEE	5 SEPTEMBER 2019	9
<b>STAINING CHAIN LANE PLAYING FIELDS COMMUNITY PROJECT</b>			

### PUBLIC ITEM

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

#### SUMMARY OF INFORMATION

At the Tourism and Leisure Committee Meeting on 10<sup>th</sup> January 2019, approval was given to support the Staining Playing Fields Development Project. The site has historically suffered from a lack of drainage which has led to the sports pitches becoming unplayable for large parts of the year. The site also requires various landscape improvements including new footpaths and the relocation of several items of children's play equipment. It was agreed that the project would be delivered in three phases:

Phase	Cost
1. Primary Drainage Works	£101,512
2. Secondary Sports Pitch Drainage	£50,000
3. Landscaping Works	£129,330

At the meeting, the Committee approved the letting of phase 1 of the project to STRI Ltd in the sum of £101,512. In January 2019, STRI were appointed to deliver phase 1, as they had submitted the best tender, based on the tendering criteria as set out in the committee report.

A pre contract meeting was held with STRI, Staining Parish Council, Supporters of Staining Open Space and Fylde Council Officers in April. At this meeting Staining Parish Council expressed the wish for the football pitches to be laser levelled, which had not been part of the original tender. In addition STRI identified the benefits of undertaking the secondary drainage works as part of the larger scheme, if laser levelling was to be undertaken.

The benefits to deliver the levelling of the sports pitches, undertake the secondary sports pitch drainage and undertake the primary drainage under one contract was considered by officers in terms of delivering the best scheme at the best cost and minimum risk.

In order to assure best value for the additional works, a revised specification for the levelling and sports pitch drainage (phase 2), was detailed by officers and costed by STRI. The revised cost to deliver all three elements at the same time was £186,000. A comparison of the costs was carried out with reference to 'SPONS Architects and Builders Price Book' by Fylde Council's Technical Services Team and the rates were considered to be fair and reasonable.

After discussions with officers from Technical Services, Planning and Governance, it was decided that issuing an extension to the existing contract, to enable the delivery of all the works at the same time would be the best option, to ensure that the critical success factors of the project were delivered for which there was adequate funding available. This estimate was agreed by Staining Parish Council and a contract was awarded to STRI for £186,000. The delivery of the additional work has been successfully delivered under an extension to the existing contract.

The phase 3 landscape scheme will be developed separately and implemented as a separate contract. The

remaining budget for Phase 3 is £94,842 and is being designed in consultation with Staining Parish Council and community group and physical works will start in March/April 2020 with an anticipated finish date of May 2020. A further report detailing the procurement will be presented at a later Tourism and Leisure Committee meeting.

#### **SOURCE OF INFORMATION**

Tourism and Leisure Committee - 10 January 2019 – Staining Chain Lane Playing Fields Community Project

#### **LINK TO INFORMATION**

[Item 4 - Staining Chain Lane Playing Fields Community Project.doc](#)

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

The scope of work has significantly changed from the Tourism and Leisure Committee Meeting recommendation in January 2019, due to the reasons detailed in this Information Item Report. It has been necessary to undertake phase 1 and phase 2 of the original project, in addition to the levelling of the sports pitches to ensure that the critical success factors of the project were delivered for which there was adequate funding available.

#### **FURTHER INFORMATION**

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