

INFORMATION NOTE

FAIRHAVEN AND CHURCH SCAR COASTAL DEFENCE PROJECT



Background

Fylde Council is undertaking the Fairhaven to Church Scar Coast Protection Scheme to reconstruct the sea walls to prevent any coastal erosion and flooding, at an estimated cost of circa £19.825M. The Environment Agency has approved the funding business case which subject to the necessary approvals and consents will grant £19.425m towards the project with £400k being met from Fylde Council as part of the agreed capital programme. The necessary approvals include Planning Consent and a Marine Management Organisation (MMO) Licence. An MMO Licence being the equivalent of Planning Consent below high tide.

The previous report to Operational Management Committee in November 2016 outlined the proposed scheme, the approvals and consents process, the procurement process for a contractor to deliver the works and the programme. This report is to provide an update on these areas.

Proposed Scheme

The Scheme has been developed and a presentation on the night will highlight this progress.

Project Board

The delivery of the project is now at a stage which requires the establishment of a project board to receive monthly reports from the project manager and make key decisions as required.

Project Team

A report was considered by the Operational Management Committee on 24 November 2015 which covered the procurement of the project team and main works. The recommendation was to use the experienced coastal defence team at Blackpool Council and that a MoU be put in place to manage this. Since then there have been lengthy discussions with Blackpool Council who have decided that they can no longer offer the coastal defence team. Therefore the best option for Fylde is to establish an in house coastal project team using staff currently involved in Fylde coast sea defence projects.

Approval & Consents

The MMO Licence and Planning Application were submitted in November 2016 and January 2017 respectively. Both these processes can typically take around 13 weeks to reach a conclusion. However, as of up to the end of February 2017 there has been no significant representations.

Engagement of a Contractor

The draft tender documents are substantially complete and have undergone different internal and external reviews. The procurement approach is to be that of 'design and build', where the selected contractor takes all design and construction responsibility.

The Environment Agency's WEM Framework is to be used as previously reported. The 5 contractors on this Framework have been notified of the project and all 5 contractors have submitted positive expressions of interest.

The tender process though is to be set back a little, but this is to ensure that the design brief in the contract is fixed to give stronger price certainty / lower risk to Fylde Council when contracting.

Programme

The high level programme stands as follows:

Finalise Design Details – April 2017

Issue Tender Documents – April 2017

Secure Licences & Consents – Draw Grant Down – May 2017

Contract Date – Spring 2017

Start on Site - Autumn 2017

Completion on Site - Winter 2019/20

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