

INFORMATION NOTE

FAIRHAVEN TO CHURCH SCAR COAST PROTECTION SCHEME



Background

Fylde Council is undertaking the Fairhaven to Church Scar Coast Protection Scheme (the Scheme) to reconstruct the sea walls to prevent any coastal erosion and flooding, at an estimated cost of circa £19.83M.

The previous report to Operational Management Committee in September 2017 approved the delivery of the 2.3km long scheme subject to final negotiations with the Council's preferred bidder.

Current Position

Contract

Following the decision of the Operational Management Committee in September 2017, final negotiations have been concluded with the Council's preferred bidder, VBA Joint Venture Ltd. The Council entered into a contract (deed) on the 20th October 2017 with VBA Joint Venture Ltd (VBA). VBA's remit being the design and construction of the scheme in accordance with the Planning Consent and Marine Management Organisation Licence for the scheme. A summary of the main items of the scheme as contracted is shown in the table below:

Item	Sum (£000)
Core Scheme	16,830
Fylde Buff Revetment at Fairhaven	250
Imprinted Revetment at Church Scar	30
Full re-instatement of Stanner Bank Car Park	415
Subtotal (Prices)	17,525
Plus Employer's Risk Pot (10%)	1,752
Plus Employer's Fees	500
Total Cost	£19,777

The allocated scheme budget is £19,830k, made up of £19,430k Flood Defence Grant in Aid from the Environment Agency and £400k from Fylde Council (within the agreed capital programme).

Finance

The £19.83M coastal erosion and flooding scheme does not cover the costs of any public realm at Church Scar and Fairhaven, other than for a reasonable allowance for environmental aspects and to support existing amenities which might be lost as a result of approved work, e.g. the resurfacing of the car park. Consequently, a report will be presented for consideration at the Council meeting of 5th December 2017 requesting further capital funding to cover specific public realm aspects of the overall wider project.

Programme

VBA will be commencing site preparation works in December 2017 at Church Scar with Fairlawn Triangle being the location for VBA's main site compound/offices.

The works are to start at Seafield Road and progress towards the interface between Church Scar and Granny's Bay. Works are currently set to then hop over Granny's Bay to Fairhaven. VBA may well use a smaller satellite compound also when it comes to Fairhaven.

The site working hours are as follows:

08:00 - 18:00 Monday to Friday.

09:00 - 13:00 Saturday.

No on site works on Sundays or Bank Holidays.

Shortly before site mobilisation, VBA will undertake 'Pre-start condition surveys' of all highways, property and land (including trees, boundaries, street furniture and any other features which may be affected by the works), both within the boundaries of the Site and adjacent to the Site and Working Areas. The surveys should be adequate enough to identify existing structural faults with the properties and act as a baseline to consider any change against during and after the Completion of the works.

Prior to the commencement of each stretch of works (Church Scar, Fairhaven) VBA will inform all adjacent residents that could hear or feel the effects of piling work, by letter, of the likely start and finish times and the duration of any piling works within that phase of the scheme.

VBA is obliged to also undertake all reasonable measures to minimise the generation of noise and vibration resulting from his activities.

Communication with the public, business owners and local residents will be led by VBA, who will develop a comprehensive Customer Engagement Plan for the Scheme. VBA will do this in conjunction with Fylde Council and the Environment Agency.

VBA will also set up a Customer Centre at Fairlawn Triangle and it will be staffed by fully trained Customer Service Coordinators (CSC) at advertised times. The CSC's are fully trained to deal with queries or complaints politely and expediently and will have a detailed knowledge of the scheme to explain the reasoning behind any road closures or diversions.

The centre will also feature project visualisations, details of the works programme and literature to describe the benefits of the project.

Quarterly newsletters will be posted in local tourism outlets and community facilities and any road or footpath closures will be communicated well in advance through the newsletters and the local media.

The CSC's will provide customer service training to everyone on site to ensure VBA's entire team deliver high standards of customer service. All issues or concerns raised by members of the public will be logged.

The completion date for the scheme is the 31st March 2020.

FURTHER INFORMATION AVAILABLE FROM

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