

Cabinet Meeting	
Meeting Date	27 October 2021
Report Title	Procurement of Queenborough & Rushenden, Twyford Pumping Station Contractor
Cabinet Member	Cllr. Monique Bonney, Cabinet Member for Economy and Property
SMT Lead	Emma Wiggins
Head of Service	Joanne Johnson
Lead Officer	Debbie Townrow
Key Decision	Yes
Classification	Open
Recommendations	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. That the Cabinet approves the appointment of Lanes Group plc as Queenborough & Rushenden, Twyford Pumping Station contractor from 18 November 2021 for an initial period of 11 months. 2. That the Cabinet approves the waiver of contract standing orders in relation to this appointment due to only one tender submission being received.

1 Purpose of Report and Executive Summary

- 1.1 As part of the Queenborough & Rushenden Housing Infrastructure Fund works currently being delivered, a contractor is required to provide the new Twyford Pumping Station. The Economic Development team alongside Campbell Reith (the project management company appointed for Queenborough & Rushenden) carried out a one stage tender process based on the most economically advantageous tender (MEAT) which was evaluated on 60% price and 40% quality. The contractor is to construct a new surface water pumping station on the Twyford Site to enable the facilitation of future residential development, replacing an existing pumping station which is beyond its working life.
- 1.2 This report summarises the procurement process and its results and seeks Cabinet approval of the recommended contractor.

2 Background

- 2.1 The opportunity was advertised in accordance with current contract standing orders, with interested parties asked to complete an Invitation to Tender. One tenderer replied and scores were allocated according to the criteria explained in the tender document.

- 2.2 The panel consisted of the Economy & Community Services Manager, Project Manager from Campbell Reith and Senior Planning and Enabling Manager from Homes England. Clarification questions were asked of the tenderer and have been evaluated with scores being adjusted where required.

3 Proposals

- 3.1 Cabinet is requested to approve the proposal to enter into a contract with Lanes Group pls for a 11-month Contract with the option to extend the contract for a further 3 months if required. It is expected that the works should be fully delivered within the 11-month timeframe, however the additional 3-month extension option is a contingency to allow for any currently unknown issues. Any extension would require the approval of Homes England in line with the conditions in the HIF Grant Determination Agreement.
- 3.2 Cabinet is requested to approve the waiver of contract standing orders in relation to this appointment due to only one tender submission being received. Despite this being the only submission received, the project team have carried out a full and comprehensive analysis of the submission and are confident it delivers all aspects of the works required and represents good value for money. Critically, it also commits to completing the required works within the tight timescales currently available to the project.

4 Alternative Options

- 4.1 Do nothing. This option is not considered to be a suitable alternative. The construction of the Twyford Pumping Station constitutes a significant element of the HIF funded works and without delivering this, we would not spend our HIF allocation and would also not fully prepare this area of land for residential development.
- 4.2 Re-advertise with the aim of securing additional tenders. This option is not considered to be a suitable alternative. The timing of these works are integral to the delivery of the HIF funded works and need to commence as soon as possible in order to meet the deadlines associated with the HIF spend requirements. Re-tendering the opportunity would delay the works to an unacceptable extent and would result in us not meeting the contractual obligations contained in the HIF Grant Determination Agreement.

5 Consultation Undertaken or Proposed

- 5.1 The Queenborough & Rushenden regeneration project has been extensively consulted on with all stages being reviewed and agreed at the appropriate levels. No further consultation on this element of the works is required.

6 Implications

Issue	Implications
Corporate Plan	The Queenborough and Rushenden Regeneration scheme is a key element of Delivering Regeneration within the current Corporate Plan and contributes to the delivery of major regeneration projects in the Borough to improve the appearance and facilities of our towns and villages.
Financial, Resource and Property	<p>This contract is fully funded by the Housing Infrastructure Fund being provided by Homes England and so represents a nil financial cost to the council. Failing to deliver these works would mean the site is not prepared for residential development and would therefore not meet the contractual obligations contained with the HIF Grant Determination Agreement.</p> <p>Anticipated annual spend on the Queenborough & Rushenden, Twyford Pumping Station contract is £828,000.</p>
Legal, Statutory and Procurement	<p>The contract will be the standard Council contract and undertaken using the Council's current Terms and Conditions.</p> <p>Public Services (Social Value) Act 2012 – the tender submission outlined in extensive detail the organisation's commitment to all elements of the Public Services (Social Value) Act 2012, notably prioritising the health, safety and wellbeing of their staff through various mechanisms and initiatives, striving for sustainable employment with their personnel and supply chain appointments and being dedicated to delivering volunteering opportunities.</p>
Crime and Disorder	None identified at this stage.
Environment and Climate/Ecological Emergency	The construction of a new surface water pumping station on the Twyford Site represents the facilitation of future residential led development, replacing an existing pumping station which is beyond its working life. The new pumping station will need to be designed and constructed in accordance with the planning permission and as consented by Lower Medway Internal Drainage Board (LMIDB), who will adopt and manage the pumping station in the long-term.
Health and Wellbeing	None identified at this stage.
Safeguarding of Children, Young People and Vulnerable Adults	None identified at this stage.

Risk Management and Health and Safety	Failing to deliver this grant funding would put the future of the Queenborough and Rushenden Regeneration scheme at risk of failure by not developing the site ready for resident development. There is a comprehensive risk register managed through the HIF funding monitoring process.
Equality and Diversity	None identified at this stage.
Privacy and Data Protection	All regulatory and legislative requirements associated with privacy and data protection are accounted for and met by utilising the council's procurement portal, Pro-Contract.

8 Background Documents

12th December 2018 – Cabinet Report – Queenborough & Rushenden HIF Process

12th June 2019 – Cabinet Report – Queenborough & Rushenden HIF Increase