

Nottingham City Council Delegated Decision



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Subject:

Collin Street - redesign

Total Value:

Included within an exempt appendix (Type: Revenue)

Decision Being Taken:

To grant dispensation from contract procedure rule 5.1.2 under Financial Regulation 3.29 to commission Leonard Design and Townshed Landscape Architects to undertake the design works for Collin Street

Reasons for the Decision(s)

The highway place making proposals associated with the approved schemes for the Broadmarsh Centre and the wider links to the station present unique challenges from the urban design and traffic management viewpoint. The infrastructure changes are both challenging and important in their contribution to the local economy, they will also need to be high quality, robust and durable in terms of materials and the way in which they are used. To achieve this for the Collin Street pedestrianisation scheme it is recognised that specialist support from national design experts would provide the key design lead to ensure that the subsequent built environment is an exemplar for the City. This involves a range of issues: pedestrian movements, events spaces, utility of areas, cycle, bus and loading activities. Specialist support is therefore proposed for the critical architectural/urban design concepts and layout. These will be taken forward and developed using the City Council's in house design and construction teams.

The design of key City Centre spaces in Nottingham City Centre (The Old Market Square and Sneinton Square) have involved design competitions, these can be very effective in attracting high quality submissions by specialist Architects. Four architectural practices were asked to submit concept proposals for the redesign of Collin Street. Fee proposals have been received from the two shortlisted practices.

The fee proposals are for design stage D (as was) and now known as stage 3 (RIBA procurement). This is the stage of design work that would be required for a planning application, detailing the submitted concepts. The City Council in house design team will then progress the design to full working drawings enabling DLO to build it. The winning architect will offer an over seeing role when required by our teams during the detailed design and construction stages.

The assesment of the two shortlisted bidders is detailed in the exempt appendix attached.

Other Options Considered:

Do nothing: This would result in design concepts being developed by the City Council's in house delivery teams, this would still incur a cost for the work involved but would not have the benefit of specialist expertise in relation to ensuring integration with the Broadmarsh development, seamless and logical operation and movement of pedestrians in and around the spaces and continuity of design materials and features. This approach would increase the risk that the major capital investment in place making would not be optimised for the City and of the space not meeting its vital role in linking the major investment in the Broadmarsh Centre with the surrounding spaces. This option has been discounted.

Background Papers:

None

Published Works:

None

Affected Wards:

Citywide

Colleague / Councillor Interests:

Those not consulted are not directly affected by the decision

Any Information Exempt from publication: Yes

Dispensation from Financial Regulations: Yes

Exempt Information:

Description of what is exempt: An exempt appendix.

An appendix (or appendices) to this decision is exempt from publication under the following paragraph(s) of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972

3 - Information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the authority holding that information).

The public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighs the public interest in disclosing the information because it contains commercially sensitive information and the disclosure of which may prejudice the Council's position in negotiations.

Documents exempt from publication:

Collins St Exempt App.doc

Use of Consultants

Number of Days:0
Rate per Day:0
Total value: see exempt appendix
Start date:01/04/2016
End date:29/07/2016

Reason for using a consultant:

Absence of the necessary expertise within the Council

Other options considered:

Design within the City Council

Name of consultant:

Leonard Architects/TownshedLandscape Architects

Reason for selection?

Proven track record of delivering high quality and high profile spaces

Has the consultant previously completed work for the City Council?

no

Specific activities to be undertaken by the consultant are:	Concept design for the remodelling of Collin Street
Period of engagement:	4 months
By what process was the consultant selected?	Design Competition
Consultations:	Those not consulted are not directly affected by the decision.
Crime and Disorder Implications:	The design of this high profile public space is critical to ensuring integration with the Broadmarsh Centre and in linking through to the Station along Carrington Street and ensuring a safe and accessible environment. Utilising the best practise in placemaking will activate these areas and ensure confidence for users in the space, this will develop designs that will discourage crime and anti-social behaviour in normal use and when used for events, it will also take into account the changes in use throughout the day and into the evening / nighttime economy.
Equality:	EIA not required. Reasons: The decision relates to the appointment of design resources and EIA will be undertaken in relation to the design when available.
Relates to staffing:	Yes
Decision Type:	Portfolio Holder
Subject to Call In:	Yes
Call In Expiry date:	06/05/2016
Advice Sought:	Legal, Finance, Procurement, Human Resources
Legal Advice:	The Council can grant dispensation from CPR 5.1.2 in accordance with financial regulation 3.29 (operational issues) to award a contract to the architects proposed by the report author in the main body of the report. Advice provided by Sarah O'Bradaigh (senior solicitor) on 31/03/2016.
Finance Advice:	This advice is exempt from publication and is contained within an exempt appendix

Procurement Advice:

<p>The report sets out the rationale for awarding to Leonard Architects. Due to the low value of the procurement the recommendations set out within the report pose no significant procurement concerns.</p> <p>Advice provided by Sue Oliver (Category Manager - Procurement) on 15/03/2016.</p>

HR Advice:

<p>There are no HR concerns as this proposal does not appear to have any people implications. Advice provided by Makesha Henningham (Service Redesign Consultant) on 24/03/2016.</p>
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Signatures:

Jon Collins (Leader of the Council)
SIGNED and Dated: 27/05/2016
Jon Collins (Leader & PH Strategic Regeneration)
SIGNED and Dated: 27/05/2016
David Bishop (Deputy CE, CD for Development and Growth)
SIGNED and Dated: 18/05/2016
Theresa Channell (Head of Corporate and Strategic Finance) - Dispensation from Financial Regulations
SIGNED and Dated: 29/04/2016
Chief Finance Officer's Comments: