

Item 8

ITEM NO.

REPORT TO CABINET

17TH February 2005

REPORT OF DIRECTOR OF
NEIGHBOURHOOD SERVICES

Portfolios: Regeneration

SPENNYMOOR TOWN CENTRE – CONTRACT NEGOTIATION

1. SUMMARY

- 1.1 At their meeting on the 3rd February 2005 Cabinet gave approval for the Director of Neighbourhood Services to enter into negotiations with Seymour (Civil Engineering Contractors) Ltd. to agree terms and costs for the construction of Phase 1 of the proposed footpath link between the Asda supermarket and the High Street, Spennymoor.
- 1.2 Negotiations have now been completed with Seymour (Civil Engineering Contractors) Ltd. in the sum of £50,598.43. Seymour (Civil Engineering Contractors) Ltd. have very recently carried out similar paving works on behalf of the Council and therefore all of the negotiations for the provision of the proposed scheme have been based on the conditions and rates appertaining to this recent contract which was secured in open competitive tender.

2. RECOMMENDATIONS

- 2.1 That the negotiated tender submitted by Seymour (Civil Engineering Contractors) Ltd. in the sum of £50,598.43 be accepted.

3. BACKGROUND

- 3.1 An application to access £2.2 m of Single Programme resource to implement an improvement programme to enhance the environmental quality of Spennymoor Town Centre has been approved by One NorthEast.
- 3.2 Cabinet first considered the proposals for the Spennymoor Town Centre environmental improvement programme in December 2003. The extent and financial implications of the improvement scheme were then further considered by Cabinet in July 2004 in the report detailing the Regeneration Services Capital Programme 2004/05.
- 3.3 Proposals to improve links within the town centre and with other edge of town attractions/facilities form an integral part of the improvement programme. Current plans include upgrading the link between the town

centre and ASDA. Design work for this pedestrian link has been completed and approval has now been received to progress construction of this phase of works.

- 3.4 In order to progress construction of Phase 1 of this footpath scheme as expeditiously as possible it was considered that negotiation of the terms and costs of the works with a specific contractor would provide both financial and operational benefits. Negotiation would also allow early commencement of the works and obviously assist in maximising expenditure in the current financial year.
- 3.5 In accordance with Contract Procedure Rule 8 of the Council's Constitution permission was sought of Cabinet for the Director of Neighbourhood Services to enter into negotiations with Seymour (Civil Engineering Contractors) Ltd. with regard to establishing terms and costs for the provision of the proposed pedestrian link. Cabinet granted such permission at their meeting on the 3rd February 2005.
- 3.6 Bills of Quantities have been prepared and negotiations have been concluded with Seymour (Civil Engineering Contractors) Ltd. in the sum of £50,598.43 with a contract period of 5 weeks.

4. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 4.1 The Regeneration Services Capital Programme report to Cabinet in July 2004 detailed the financial implications and funding arrangements for the whole of the Town Centre initiative.
- 4.2 Initial estimates for the cost of the hard landscaping works associated with the whole of the Asda/High St. link is £135, 000. Phase 1 of the works was estimated at £54,000. The negotiated cost of the works is within the agreed budget.
- 4.3 All costs associated with these works are to be met from Single Programme funding.

5. CONSULTATION

- 5.1 Consultation in respect of the Town Centre proposals has focused on the Spennymoor Town Centre Forum. The Forum has been fully engaged in shaping the proposals. More focussed, detailed public consultations on specific elements of the initiative took place in October and November 2004.

6. SECTION 17, CRIME AND DISORDER ACT 1998

- 6.1 An important element of this initiative will be to ensure the town centre is safe and secure for users at all times of the day. This will be

achieved through the installation of additional CCTV and improving the environmental quality of the centre.

7. LA21 SUSTAINABILITY ISSUES

- 7.1 The overall improvement programme is aimed at in strengthening the economic base and creating a more vibrant, vital and competitive Town Centre. Sustainable development will also be contributed to through improved transport links for pedestrians, cyclists and public transport within the town centre.

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Key Decision Validation: Not considered a key decision

Background Papers

Cabinet Report, Spennymoor Town Centre Programme - 11th December 2003
Cabinet Report, Regeneration Services Capital Programme 2004/05 – 1st July 2004
Negotiated Contract cost from Seymour (Civil Engineering Contractors) Ltd.
– 3rd February 2005

Examination by Statutory Officers

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