

ROTHERHAM BOROUGH COUNCIL – REPORT TO MEMBERS

1.	Meeting:	Cabinet Member for Culture, Lifestyle, Sport & Tourism
2.	Date:	8th February 2011
3.	Title:	Clifton Park Signage Procurement
4.	Programme Area:	Environment and Development Services

5. Summary

This report seeks an exemption from Standing Order 47.6.2 (requirement to invite at least two oral or written quotations for a contract with an estimated value between £5000 and £20,000) to allow an order to be placed with Leander Architectural for the supply of signage to be installed throughout Clifton Park.

6. Recommendations

That Cabinet Member approves the exemption of the contract for the purchase of signage for Clifton Park from Standing Order 47.6.2 (requirement to obtain at least two oral or written quotations for contracts with an estimated value of £5,000 but less than £20,000) and award the contract to Leander Architectural.

7. Proposals and Details

A major element of the interpretive plan for Clifton Park which forms part of the agreed project objectives with the Heritage Lottery Fund, is the placement of a number of interpretive monoliths and welcome signs throughout the park. It was agreed that these signs should reflect the design of monoliths, already located in the park, that were designed and manufactured by Leander Architectural a number of years ago. Detailed proposals for the signage were passed to UCS Civils as main contractor for the Clifton Park Project and Leander Architectural were subcontracted by UCS Civils to manufacture and supply the monoliths. However, when UCS Civils entered administrative receivership in November 2009 Leander ceased all work on the signs.

An order was placed by RMBC with Leander Architectural in September 2010 to supply the pre manufactured monoliths. In addition the anchor cradles for the Leander welcome signs had already been installed by UCS. It should be noted that a competitive procurement exercise was carried out by UCS Civils when identifying a manufacturer for the signage.

An order is now needed for the welcome signs. It is requested that this can be placed directly with Leander Architectural, as they have already commenced development of the signs whilst employed by UCS Civils, and have previously supplied monoliths in the park.

8. Finance

The supply of 5 welcome signs is estimated at £18457 based on quotations obtained in 2009 although new quotations will be obtained. This is identified as approved spend within the Clifton Park Restoration Project budget which has been funded by Heritage Lottery Fund/Big Lottery Fund, Rotherham MBC Capital Programme and miscellaneous other sources.

9. Risks and Uncertainties

None

10. Policy and Performance Agenda Implications

The supply and installation of the monoliths will support corporate priorities as follows:-

Rotherham Alive – enhancing an existing open space to help attract increased visits that will contribute to health and well being of local people.

11. Background Papers and Consultation

Officers in Financial Services and Legal Services been consulted and support the recommendation for the reasons outlined in the report.

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