

CABINET MEETING – 16TH FEBRUARY 2011

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY SHEET – PART I

Title of Report:

Roker Sea Change Project, Procurement of Contractors

Author(s):

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Purpose of Report:

This report seeks retrospective approval of:

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- b) City Service's decision to procure a contractor to deliver visitor infrastructure facilities at Roker seafront.

Description of Decision:

Cabinet is recommended to approve:

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In accordance with the Council's Constitution Cabinet approval is requested due to the procurement being over £250,000.

Is the decision consistent with the Budget/Policy Framework?

Yes

If not, Council approval is required to change the Budget/Policy Framework

Suggested reason(s) for Decision:

The Roker public realm improvements and visitor infrastructure are key elements of the £1.5 million Roker Sea Change project, which forms the first phase in the delivery of the wider Seafront Regeneration Strategy.

Alternative options to be considered and recommended to be rejected:

As set out funding for the project has been secured and the delivery team is progressing the final design stages of the project. To carry out the works contractors must be procured following a competitive tender process. No alternative options have been considered.

<p>Is this a “Key Decision” as defined in the Constitution? Yes</p> <p>Is it included in the Forward Plan? Yes</p>	<p>Relevant Scrutiny Committee: Environment and Attractive City Scrutiny Committee</p>
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REPORT OF THE DEPUTY CHIEF EXECUTIVE

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3.0 Background

3.1 Cabinet will recall that at its meeting in February 2010 it approved the adoption of the Marine Walk Masterplan and Seafront Regeneration Strategy following a series of public consultation events.

3.2 In June 2009 Cabinet authorised officers to make a £1m bid (match funded by £0.5m from the Council's own resources) for Sea Change funding to deliver a first phase of the Marine Walk Masterplan.

4.0 Current Position

4.1 Since the confirmation in December 2009 that Sea Change funding had been secured the Sea Change project team has been working up detailed designs for the project, which includes the following main elements as set out in the Marine Walk Masterplan:

- (i) Marine Walk public realm improvements
- (ii) Seafront visitor infrastructure including education space, showering facilities and a lifeguard lookout

- (iii) Roker pier gates
- (iv) Spottee's cave enhancements
- (v) Roker interpretation trail

4.2 To ensure best value is achieved a competitive tender process must be undertaken for the public realm improvements and visitor infrastructure.

5.0 Reasons for Decision

5.1 The Roker public realm improvements and the visitor infrastructure are key elements of the £1.5 million Roker Sea Change project, which forms the first phase in the delivery of the wider Seafront Regeneration Strategy.

6.0 Alternative Options

6.1 As set out, funding for the project has been secured and the delivery team is progressing the final design stages of the project. To carry out the works contractors must be procured following a competitive tender process. No alternative options have been considered.

7.0 Relevant Considerations

- a) Financial Implications – The two appointments will be funded from the £1.5m allocation for the Sea Change project within the Capital Programme.
- b) Legal Implications – Clause 9.0 Section 2 of the Local Government Act 2000 provides local authorities with a power for the promotion or improvement of the economic, social or environmental well being of their area.
- c) Policy Implications - The Sea Change project forms part of the wider seafront regeneration project which is in line with the objectives of the Sunderland Strategy and Economic Masterplan.
- d) Project Management Methodology – the delivery of the project is via the Council's standard Prince2 methodology.
- e) Sustainability Impact Appraisal – An impact appraisal has been undertaken and is attached in appendix one

8.0 Background Papers

- Seafront Regeneration Strategy
- Marine Walk Masterplan Supplementary Planning Document
- Marine Walk Masterplan Appropriate Assessment Screening report
- Sustainability Appraisal of the Marine Walk Masterplan