

Report to: Executive Cabinet Member
Environmental Services

Date: 9th July 2018

Report of: Director of Place

Report No:ECMES/327

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Report Title: Approval for procurement of waste clearance works at Burnden Clough

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Purpose:

The purpose of the report is to gain agreement from the Executive Cabinet Member to procure waste clearance works at Burnden Clough

Recommendations:

The Executive Cabinet Member is asked to:

- (a) Authorise the Director of Place to:
 - (i) procure waste clearance works (via the Corporate Procurement Team) in accordance with the Council's Standing Orders relating to Contracts;
 - (ii) appoint the successful tenderer to clear the area of waste in accordance with the tender documents; and
- (b) Authorise the Borough Solicitor to carry out all necessary legal formalities.

Decision:

Background Doc(s):

Signed:

Leader / Executive Member

Monitoring Officer

Date:

Background

Burnden Clough is an area of steep ground leading down to the River Croal to the north of Raikes Lane. It has been subject to persistent fly tipping for many years and the Council is looking to clear the land of fly tipping and litter and also deter future fly tipping activity with the installation of CCTV along Raikes Lane.

Steep gradients and very wet conditions have complicated the commencement of clearance works, and further constrained by a Victorian brick sewer that runs the length of the land. Weight limitation from United Utilities on this sewer preclude the use of any machinery on the area, therefore any works to remove waste need to be completed manually.

A plan has therefore been agreed which will give an effective and sustainable resolution to the problems in the area. This includes:-

- The removal of hazardous waste including asbestos, gas cylinders and tyres.
- The control of Japanese Knotweed which would hamper waste removal if left unchecked.
- 'Target hardening' with the installation of CCTV cameras along Raikes Lane.
- Waste removal from the land including the steep banking.

To date any hazardous material has been removed, along with waste from areas that do not require specialist waste removal methods, and the Japanese Knotweed has been herbicide treated. The CCTV installation is progressing, with full installation likely before the end of June.

Works

The works to be tendered comprise of the manual clearance of the steep bankings next to Raikes Lane. This will require specialist services with operatives working in harnesses where-ever the gradient dictates.

It is difficult to accurately estimate the tonnage of waste to be removed. However, indicative assessments suggest that it would be approximately 300 tonnes. The tender, for removal and disposal of the waste is estimated at £120,000.

It is estimated that the works will take five weeks to complete.

Procurement

Neighbourhood Services are looking to commence the procurement process for these works.

The potential value of the tender is likely to be below the current EU procurement threshold. The tender will be conducted by Bolton Council's Corporate Procurement Team and in line with set guidelines. This is a completely electronic process linked to the North West Local Authority procurement portal (The Chest) and, following Executive Cabinet Member agreement, the Corporate Procurement Team will manage the entire process including the evaluation and award of the successful tender.

Equality Impact Assessment

An equality impact assessment has been completed and there is no impact on any group from the outcome of the procurement process.

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