

**REPORT FROM:** CORPORATE DIRECTOR

**TO:** SPECIAL BUDGET POLICY AND RESOURCES  
COMMITTEE

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## TENDERS AND OTHER CONTRACT RELATED MATTERS

### PURPOSE OF REPORT

To report, for information, tenders which have been received and accepted and to report any exemptions from the requirements of the Contract Procedure Rules.

### RECOMMENDATION

- (1) That the tenders which have been received and accepted be noted.
- (2) That the exemption granted to Contract Procedure Rules for Community Champions: Local Authority Fund be noted.

### REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATION

To agree acceptance of tenders/offers in accordance with Contract Procedure Rules.

### ISSUE

#### Award of Contracts

1. Following the relevant procurement process, tenders have been received and accepted in relation to the following project:-

#### **(a) Back Albert Street and Clegg Street, Brierfield – Surfacing Improvements**

Tenderer	Tender Figure (£)
Monk of Colne Limited	13,887.01
A&G Landscapes & Groundworks Limited	16,702.11
O'Callaghan Limited	17,827.23

Colin Braithwaite Excavators Limited  
Marchbridge Builders Limited

18,672.22  
19,067.55

The contract has been awarded to Monk of Colne Limited and will be funded from the Brierfield and Reedley Capital Programme and Brierfield Town Council.

### **Exemptions from Contract Procedure Rules (CPRs)**

- 1 CPR 5 includes provision for exemption from the requirements to comply with CPRs in certain circumstances where it is considered justifiable, value for money is maintained and such action does not contravene EU and domestic legislation. Exemption from CPRs is, however, subject to the prior approval of the Corporate Director and Chief Financial Officer provided that details of such exemptions granted are reported to the next possible meeting of the Policy and Resources Committee.
2. Since the last meeting of the Policy and Resources Committee, the following exemption to CPRs has been granted:-

### **Community Champions: Local Authority Fund**

The Council has successfully submitted an Expression of Interest (EoI) to the Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government (MHCLG) for this fund and been awarded £90,458. The fund is to support people shown to be most at risk from Coronavirus (COVID-19) including those from an ethnic minority background, disabled people and others to follow safer behaviours and reduce the impact of the virus on themselves and those around them. The funding is time limited and required to be spent quickly.

The Council has signed a Memorandum of Understand (MoU) with MHCLG and as part of this, is required to deliver elements identified in the EoI. Thus there is a need to :-

- Undertake behavioural Insight work with some of our deprived / Black, Asian and Minority Ethnic (BAME) communities to inform responses to COVID-19
- Deliver a Community Engagement Project

Since the first COVID-19 lockdown in spring 2020, Building Bridges Pendle (BBP) has delivered a highly successful community engagement programme and provided 'insight work' as part of this activity. It has maintained excellent links with the local community despite the difficulties of subsequent national restrictions and has been a very reliable partner, delivering activities on time and in a sensitive manner.

There is a need to implement the programme quickly and BBP have shown they are in a strong position to deliver the required elements immediately. It is ideally situated, in the centre of Nelson, to help deliver the required elements.

A procurement exercise does not appear to be sensible in the circumstances as it could entail significant use of staffing resource in undertaking the procurement process, add to costs and will cause a delay in commencing service provision.

In view of the above an exemption from Contract Procedure Rules has been granted to allow the commissioning of Building Bridges Pendle for the sum of £65,048 to provide the Behavioural Insight Work and Community Engagement Project elements of the funding.

## **IMPLICATIONS**

- Policy:** None arising directly from the report.
- Financial:** The financial implications are as provided in the report. Assessment of awarded tender against budget provision available is part of the budget tendering exercise.
- Legal:** None arising directly from the report.
- Risk Management:** None arising directly from the report.
- Health and Safety:** None arising directly from the report.
- Sustainability:** None arising directly from the report.
- Community Safety:** None arising directly from the report.
- Equality and Diversity:** None arising directly from the report.
- APPENDICES:** None