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REPORT TO: CITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE – 28 MARCH 2016
REPORT ON: FLOOD PROTECTION SCHEMES – SCAPE FRAMEWORK
REPORT BY: EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF CITY DEVELOPMENT
REPORT NO: 70-2016

1 PURPOSE OF REPORT

1.1 This report updates the Committee on the progression of Dundee’s proposed coastal flood protection schemes and reminds Committee of the benefits of using the Scape Framework for procuring the construction of capital projects and seeks authority to procure the construction of the proposed coastal Flood Protection Schemes at Broughty Ferry and City Quay to Riverside Park through the Scape Framework.

2 RECOMMENDATION

2.1 It is recommended that the Committee:

- i Notes the progress of Dundee’s proposed coastal flood protection schemes
- ii Notes the benefits of using the Scape Framework to procure capital projects; and
- iii Approves the procurement of the construction of the proposed coastal Flood Protection Schemes at Broughty Ferry and City Quay to Riverside Park through the Scape Framework.

3 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

3.1 There are no direct financial implications resulting from this report.

4 BACKGROUND

4.1 COASTAL FLOOD PROTECTION SCHEMES

4.1.1 Reference is made to Article III of the meeting of the City Development Committee of 19 August 2013 when Committee considered Report No. 256-2013, noted the findings of the Dundee Coastal Study Stage 2 and authorised the progression of the prioritised measures identified within the Report.

4.1.2 Public consultation on the City Quay to Riverside Park coastal flood protection measures took place in January 2015. Formal notification of the Flood Protection Scheme was publicised on 29 January 2016. Assuming no objections, it is intended to confirm the Scheme with a view to construction in 2016/17 subject to funding.

4.1.3 It is intended to carry out public consultation on the proposed Broughty Ferry coastal flood protection scheme this summer on completion of the preliminary design of the proposed measures. Thereafter, following relevant statutory procedures, construction of the Broughty Ferry Flood Protection Scheme is planned for financial years 2017/18 and 2018/19 subject to funding.

4.1.4 In preparing Flood Risk Management (FRM) Strategies, SEPA prioritised all measures to reduce flood risk identified by Local Authorities across Scotland as required by the Flood Risk Management (Scotland) Act 2009. This prioritisation ranked the Broughty Ferry measures at number 2 nationally and City Quay to Riverside Park at number 5 nationally. Committee will recall that Scottish Government have committed to funding prioritised measures within the FRM Strategies. It is, therefore, assumed that the above Flood Protection Schemes will attract 80% Capital Grant Funding over the period 2016-2022.

This is yet to be formally confirmed. Dundee City Council Capital Budget contains allowance for the remaining 20% of the required Capital cost of the schemes through financial years 2016 – 2019. The estimated cost of the coastal flood protection schemes is £16 million.

4.2 SCAPE PROCUREMENT

4.2.1 Reference is made to Article VII of the meeting of the City Development Committee of 26 October 2015 when the Committee considered Report No. 388-2015 and noted the benefits of using the Scape Framework to procure capital projects and approved the procurement of North East School Campus through the framework.

4.2.2 Members will recall that the benefits of using the Scape Framework include:-

- Use of in-house design team;
- Utilising the Contractor's expertise from an early stage in the design process, assisting with cost certainty and value for money;
- Open book tendering;
- Contractually required to achieve high use of local sub-contractors; and
- Contractually required to deliver additional community benefits.

4.2.3 Dundee City Council will have fulfilled its procurement obligations by accessing the OJEU advertised Scape Framework.

4.2.4 The Council's experience to date is that the Scape Framework procurement route offers the Council a number of advantages including competitive tender prices, utilising the contractor's expertise from an early stage and maximising the local supply chains opportunity to be involved with Council projects. The continued use of the Scape Framework will allow lessons learned on these projects to benefit future projects thus achieving economic design and construction solutions for the Council. Consequently the Committee's approval is sought to procure the construction of the proposed coastal Flood Protection Schemes at Broughty Ferry and City Quay to Riverside Airport through the Scape Framework.

4.2.5 The proposed Scape Framework for the Coastal Flood Protection Schemes is the Civil Engineering and Infrastructure Framework which has Balfour Beatty as the principal contractor. Balfour Beatty are a highly experienced contractor in all aspects of building and civil engineering. It should be noted that until 2009 Balfour Beatty used the services of the Consulting Association (Blacklisting). However, they have expressed regret over this, apologised to affected workers and families and are engaged in the Construction Workers Compensation Scheme to allow workers to access compensation. Since 2009 Balfour Beatty have introduced a Group-wide Data Protection Policy and a Code of Conduct which prohibits the checking of references for job applicants without first obtaining their consent and also prohibits the use or support of databases of "blacklisted" people and the supply of such databases.

4.2.6 Tender reports for each of these schemes will be brought back to future appropriate committees for approval.

5 POLICY IMPLICATIONS

5.1 This Report has been screened for any policy implications in respect of Sustainability, Strategic Environmental Assessment, Anti-Poverty, Equality Impact Assessment and Risk Management. There are no major issues.

6 CONSULTATIONS

- 6.1 The Chief Executive, the Executive Director of Corporate Services and Head of Democratic and Legal Services have been consulted and are in agreement with the contents of this report.

7 BACKGROUND PAPERS

- 7.1 None.

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