



DECISIONS

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6. EPPING FOREST SHOPPING PARK PROGRESS REPORT

Decision:

(1) That the tender of £2,070,029 from Walker Construction (UK) Ltd to carry out the Section 278 road works in Chigwell Lane relating to Epping Forest Shopping Park be agreed, subject to revisions required by Essex County Highways regarding Thames Water required works;

(2) That the balance of the current capital allocation of £2,250,000 i.e. £179,970 be retained as a contingency to meet the costs of any variations as a result of the Thames Water requirements;

(3) That the Director of Neighbourhoods, in liaison with the Asset Management and Economic Development Portfolio Holder, be authorised to agree any variation subject to it being within the current capital budget for this element of the project; and

(4) That the revised target opening date for the Shopping Park of Easter 2017 (Easter Sunday 16 April 2017) be noted.

7. ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS FOR THE PROVISION OF THE OFF STREET PARKING ARRANGEMENTS IN THE DISTRICT

Decision:

(1) That the outcome of the scoping study by RTA Associates Limited into the alternative provisions for the delivery of off street parking arrangements, which concluded that the Council would have a clear financial benefit by withdrawing from the North Essex Parking Partnership (NEPP) for the off street element of the agreement, be noted;

(2) That, subject to agreement with the conclusion of the scoping study, notice be served on NEPP for the Council to withdraw the off street parking element from the Joint Committee before 31 March 2016, enabling the commencement of the new service by 1 April 2017;

(3) That authority be delegated to the Portfolio Holder for Safer Greener and Transport to agree the formal notice to NEPP, in consultation with the Directors of Neighbourhoods and Governance;

(4) That a further report be submitted to the Cabinet outlining the procurement strategy, potential savings and set up costs and timeline for the delivery of off street parking operations outside of NEPP;

(5) That the Portfolio Holder Advisory Group already established for the review of the impact of the parking strategy be requested to consider the options for the future provision of off street parking arrangements; and

(6) That Contract Standing Orders C4 (contracts exceeding £25,000 but not exceeding £50,000) and C11 (Contract selection) be waived to appoint RTA Associates to provide specialist advice in preparing the tender specifications and consultancy support during the procurement process.

8. PLANNING APPEAL COMPENSATION BUDGET

Decision:

(1) That a District Development Fund Growth Bid in the sum of £90,000 (split as £45,000 for 2016/17 and £45,000 for 2017/18) be made for the Planning Compensations budget in respect of Planning Appeals in the Development Control budget; and

(2) That any underspend be carried forward into successive years until it was spent.

9. TRAINEE PLANNING OFFICERS AND TRAINEE CONTAMINATED LAND OFFICER - DEVELOPMENT MANAGEMENT

Decision:

(1) That authority be granted to create two trainee Planning Officer posts and a trainee Contaminated Land Officer post for a duration of two years at a total cost of £144,690; and

(2) That the funding for these posts, in the sum of £144,690, be provided from the District Development Fund, sourced as a direct result of the additional planning income received (over budget) for 2015/16.

10. PURCHASE OF AERIAL CAMERA SYSTEM

Decision:

(1) That two aerial camera systems and associated training be purchased for £5,000, under the 'Invest to Save' scheme, to enable the Council to carry out its own aerial photographic surveys for a number of different sections across all four Directorates.