

Reports and Notices received by the Chair of Overview and Scrutiny Committee as required under the Constitution or Law.

1. Items referred to the Chair of Overview and Scrutiny Committee under Contract Standing orders and Standing orders for dealing with Land

Notifications received where it has not been possible to obtain 3 quotations for a contract estimated to be between £10,000 and £50,000.

- Contract for the provision of Consultancy services in respect of Planning Enforcement and Compliance in the Development Services team. Following a recruitment exercise to appoint a Planning and Compliance Officer it was only possible to shortlist a single candidate. To enable a further recruitment exercise to be carried out it has been decided to appoint a consultant who has specialist knowledge and skills having previously worked at Gedling. The proposed contract is initially a 4 month contract commencing on 24th August 2020 with an option to extend for a further 2 month period.
- The Netherfield Locality Plan includes a proposal to explore the development of the former mineral line between Netherfield and Gedling Country Park as a walking and cycling route connecting local communities and green space. External funding to commission studies that consider the feasibility of transforming the line to enable wider community use was secured with the following outcomes. An initial study in 2014 produced by Via East Midlands' Landscape Architect team (then part of Nottinghamshire County Council) considered its use as a walking and cycling recreational route. A subsequent study in 2016, undertaken by Nottingham City Council (as lead partner on the tram extension work), considered this concept alongside a proposed tram extension along the route. Throughout the process support and advice has been given by the same Via East Midlands Landscape Architect team. These two studies demonstrated that the combination of tram and recreational route is possible. It is now necessary to procure design services in order to progress the development of the mineral line in accordance with these feasibility studies. The Landscape Architect Team at Via East Midlands are highly skilled specialists in developing old mineral lines into greenways that provide walking and cycling routes for residents and have experience of doing this across Nottinghamshire. They have developed a relationship with Network Rail and have extensive knowledge of the project and understanding of the site constraints due to their previous work on the feasibility study. Via East Midlands also have the necessary technical skills and experience with this specific scheme to undertake the next phase of this project without having to undertake significant amount of background work before commencing. The Assistant Director for Planning and Regeneration proposes to enter into a contract with Via East Midlands for the provision of detailed design services for the extension of the Cinder Path together with associated work.

Please note that the above list may not be exhaustive; items may be referred at short notice to the Chair of Overview and Scrutiny Committee.