

Report to Corporate Director

Subject: Contract Replacement Lighting Heads, Arnot Hill Park
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1. Purpose of the Report

To obtain Director approval, in consultation with the Council's Chief Financial Officer and Monitoring Officer, to direct award a supply and fit contract with William Sugg & Co Limited Lighting for £32,076.80 in 2023/24 and £38,091.20 in 2024/5. in accordance with Rule 35.3(iv) of the Council's Contract and Procurement Rules.

2. Recommendations

It is recommended that the Director of Corporate Resources in consultation with the Council's Chief Financial Officer and Monitoring Officer approves the direct award in accordance with Rule 35.3(iv) of the Council's Contract and Procurement Rules.

3. Background

3.1 The Nottinghamshire Police and Crime Commissioner have agreed to provide funding to the Council (under the name 'Localities Funding' for the delivery of the Home Office Safer Streets Funding Programme).

3.2 Part of the funding has been allocated to improving Street lighting in Arnot Hill Park. The funding is split over two years with £46 k allocated to the financial year 2023/2024 and £49k in the financial year 2024/2025. It is time limited and must be spent in these financial years.

3.3 As the grant funding is time limited. Any delay in implementing this scheme might have an impact on the delivery of the scheme. This could potentially also cause reputational damage to the Council.

3.4 Part of the Proposal is to replace the existing 35 (Victorian style) Westminster lighting heads with ones similar in appearance but updated to

purpose-built LED units to increase the lighting output and reliability of these units. These heads are a specific fit to the existing heritage cast iron lamp columns we have in the park.

3.5 The original columns and heads were supplied by William Sugg & Co Limited Lighting who are able to supply and fit a direct replacement.

3.6 The Council's Contract and Procurement Rules permit a direct award where the contract is valued above £10,000 but below the statutory threshold where the "contract is funded by time limited grant funding from an external body and the time limitations will not allow a full tender process to be completed" (Rule 35.3 (iv)).

3.7 It has not been possible to obtain quotations on the open market for this contract as would normally be expected for a contract with a value over £10,000, due to the specialist bespoke nature of the works and specific supplier and because of the time frame required.

4. Proposal

It is proposed that the Council enters into a contract with William Sugg & Co Limited Lighting to provide and install new LED lighting heads on the existing posts.

5. Alternative Options

5.1 We could opt to replace the existing columns at the same time, meaning we could use lighting heads from other suppliers, but this would incur an additional cost of around £5K per column and significantly reduce the number of units we could replace.

6. Financial Implications

6.1 The cost of the proposed work is £32,076.80 in 2023/24 and £38,091.20 in 2024/25. which would be funded by the Localities Funding from the Nottinghamshire Police Crime and Commissioners Office.

6.2 Any additional works required either repairs to columns or cable replacement to complete the scheme would have to be paid for by Gedling Borough Council. Using the correct replacement heads and more efficient led lighting units means the risk of additional works is low.

7. Legal Implications

Procurement of contracts by the Council must be undertaken in accordance with the Public Contract Regulations 2015 and the Council's Contract and Procurement Rules.

In accordance with Rule 33.5 (iv) if the relevant director is satisfied, in consultation with the Council's Chief Financial Officer and Monitoring Officer, that contract is funded by time limited grant funding from an external body and the work is of a specialist bespoke nature which will not allow a full tender process to be completed, then the Council can direct award a contract.

8. Equality Implications

By improving illumination in the park we help reduce incidents of ASB behaviour and make all park users feel safer in the dark.

9. Carbon Reductions/Environmental Sustainability Implications

9.1 We are replacing an older retro fitted LED unit with an updated modern unit, they will consume the same amount of power but produce more light using less energy.

10. Appendices

None

11. Background papers

There are no background papers.