

# Selby District Council

## REPORT

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### Summary:

Since the dispatch of the agenda for the Executive Meeting, tenders have been assessed for resurfacing the Central Area Car Park in Tadcaster. The costs of the work are greater than the currently available budget. The Executive is asked to consider this report and approve an increase in the budget as a matter of urgency to allow the winning tender to be accepted and get works underway without further, avoidable, delay.

### Recommendations:

**To approve an additional budget provision of £80,000 for the resurfacing of the central Area Car park, Tadcaster, to be met by savings from the Core's revenue budget in 2013/14.**

### Reasons for recommendation

To comply with the procedures set down in the Constitution where an estimate has been exceeded by more than £20,000.

## **1. Introduction and background**

- 1.1 It has been a longstanding aim for the Council to resurface the Central Area Car Park in Tadcaster. The cost of the work is greater than the currently available budget. This report seeks authority for funds to be reallocated to carry out the work.

## **2. The Report**

- 2.1 The Council has wanted to resurface the Central Area Car Park in Tadcaster for a number of years to improve the environment for people visiting the area and support the retail economy and town centre. Policy and Resources Committee authorised officers to submit a planning application for Tadcaster Central Area Car Park to undertake urgent repairs in accordance with the approved capital programme in 2010.
- 2.2 A planning application was submitted and approved by the Planning Committee and a tendering process carried out to appoint contractors in October 2010. Three unsuccessful tenders were received ranging from £270k to £315k. A fourth, the successful tender, was received from a contractor that placed a low bid of £200k.
- 2.3 The planning consent was the subject of lengthy legal action which continued into the summer of 2013. The Council won the legal case, the conditions attached to the planning consent have now been discharged, and a new tendering process has had to be undertaken because of the delay.
- 2.4 The Council now has an approved scheme for the car park ready for implementation. The latest tendering process has attracted three tenders with prices ranging from £285 to £350k. These are generally more expensive than the original tenders as the cost of materials has increased. In addition, and unlike the first round of tendering, there is no stand out low bid from a contractor.
- 2.5 Evaluation of the tenders had resulted in identifying a winning bid (based on the most economically advantageous submission using an overall combination of price and quality) with a value of £310k. The current budget allocated to this project is £259k, of which £230k remains uncommitted, leaving a shortfall of £80k. This can be funded from the Core's in year savings.
- 2.6 The Constitution requires that if the estimates originally submitted are likely to be exceeded by £20k or more, the relevant Director shall report the facts to the Executive. This report seeks to meet that obligation.
- 2.7 Evaluation of the tenders took place on 2 December after the agenda for Executive was published.

### **3. Legal/Financial Controls and other Policy matters**

#### **3.1 Legal Issues**

3.1.1 The Constitution requires that if the estimates originally submitted are likely to be exceeded by £20k or more, the relevant Director shall report the facts to the Executive. This report seeks to meet that obligation.

3.1.2 Evaluation of the tenders took place on 2 December after the agenda for Executive was published.

3.1.3 Evaluation of the tenders was carried out in accordance with the Council's Contract Procedure Rules.

#### **3.2 Financial Issues**

3.2.1 Evaluation of the tenders had resulted in identifying a winning bid (based on an overall combination of price and quality) with a value of £310k. The current budget allocated to this project is £259k, of which £230k remains uncommitted, leaving a shortfall of £80k. This can be funded from the Core in year savings.

3.2.2 £215k remains unallocated in the Tadcaster Central Area reserve and it is proposed that this reserve be reviewed in light of the cost of the car park works.

### **4. Conclusion**

4.1 An additional £80k is required to appoint contractors to carry out works to the car park. This can be funded from the Core "in-year" savings.

### **5. Background Documents**

None

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**Appendices:** None