



## Belfast City Council

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| <b>Report to:</b>         | Parks and Leisure Committee                                   |
| <b>Subject:</b>           | <b>Tropical Ravine – Procurement of Professional Services</b> |
| <b>Date:</b>              | 10 May 2012   |
| <b>Reporting Officer:</b> | Andrew Hassard, Director of Parks and Leisure                 |
| <b>Contact Officer:</b>   | Ian Nuttall, Project Officer                                  |

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| <b>1</b>   | <b>Relevant Background Information</b>  |  |         |   |         |  |         |                                       |          |
|  | <p>As detailed in the April 2012 report to Committee on the Tropical Ravine, the Council's Heritage Grant application for restoration of the Ravine was awarded a first round pass by Heritage Lottery Fund (HLF) on 27 March.</p> <p>HLF has also awarded the Council a £115,000 grant towards projected costs of £127,786 for professional services required to develop the application to final round. This will include preparation of architectural design work to RIBA Stage D and other specialist services.</p> <p>As recommended in the April 2012 report to Committee on proposed tenders, Members approved the procurement and award of tenders for the following in relation to the Tropical Ravine:</p> <table><tr><td>Architectural and associated design services to RIBA Stage D</td><td>£69,960</td></tr><tr><td>Professional Fees Integrated Conservation Management planning</td><td>£30,900</td></tr><tr><td>Professional Fees Audience Development and Interpretive planning</td><td>£15,000</td></tr><tr><td>Professional Fees Botanical expertise</td><td>£12,000.</td></tr></table> | Architectural and associated design services to RIBA Stage D | £69,960 | Professional Fees Integrated Conservation Management planning | £30,900 | Professional Fees Audience Development and Interpretive planning | £15,000 | Professional Fees Botanical expertise | £12,000. |
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| <b>2</b> | <b>Key Issues</b>  |
|          | <p>The Council is only required to undertake architectural design work to RIBA Stage D prior to submission of the final round application. However, following discussion with HLF, officers wish to seek approval to procure for services beyond this requirement, in order to ensure value for money and effectiveness of future service provision.</p> <p>It is proposed that the Council invites tenders for a multi-disciplinary service to be delivered in phases which could include work to RIBA Stage L (post construction) and elements of the other required specialist services, as appropriate.</p> <p>Delivery of the first phase of this service (ie those activities required prior to final round submission) would be contracted on award of tender; continuation of this contract for completion of all subsequent phases would be conditional on the success of the final round application.</p> <p>Committee is asked to note that the tender will be evaluated on both cost and quality and will be awarded to the most economically advantageous tender.</p> |

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| <b>3</b> | <b>Resource Implications</b>   |
|          | <p><u>Financial</u><br/>The estimated value of services to be procured for delivery prior to final round submission remains unchanged at £127,786. However the value of professional fees required post-RIBA Stage D, should the Council's final round application be successful, is estimated at £163,240. It is proposed that tenders are invited for services up to the total estimated value of £291,026, to include tenders for a phased multi-disciplinary service.</p> <p><u>Human Resources</u><br/>There will be no additional human resources required at this stage.</p> <p><u>Asset and Other Implications</u><br/>None at this stage.</p> |

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| <b>4</b> | <b>Equality and Good Relations Implications</b>  |
|          | <p>There are no implications at this stage. However, Equality and Good Relations factors will be taken into account in the development of the project.</p> |

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| <b>5</b> | <b>Recommendations</b>   |
|          | <p>It is recommended that Members approve the proposed tendering</p> |

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|  | exercises and authorise the Director, under the Scheme of Delegation, to award the successful tenders. |
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| <b>6</b> | <b>Decision Tracking</b>  |
|          | December 2012 Committee – progress on/outcome of the second round Heritage Grant application re-submission. |

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| <b>7</b> | <b>Key to Abbreviations</b>  |
|          | HLF – Heritage Lottery Fund<br>RIBA – Royal Institute of British Architects. |

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| <b>8</b> | <b>Documents Attached</b> |
|          | None.                     |