

NORTH SOMERSET COUNCIL DECISION

DECISION OF: THE DIRECTOR OF PLACE, DIRECTOR OF CORPORATE SERVICES (S151 OFFICER) AND HEAD OF STRATEGIC PROCUREMENT



WITH ADVICE FROM: PRINCIPAL SUSTAINABLE TRAVEL & ROAD SAFETY OFFICER.

DECISION NO: 21/22 DP 262

SUBJECT: Award of contracts for path construction and other elements of Weston – Clevedon Cycle Route: Award of contract for path construction at Clevedon and miscellaneous Highway works.

KEY DECISION: YES

REASON: The path works are within Clevedon Yeo ward. Highway and signing works are proposed for Clevedon Yeo and Weston-super-Mare Kewstoke wards. However, the expenditure does not exceed £500,000.

BACKGROUND:

This project was agreed in principle by Decision 20/21 DP272: Revised Commissioning Plan for the Weston-super-Mare to Clevedon (Tutshill) Cycleway. The subsequent Decision 21/22 DP146 Award of contract for Tutshill agricultural crossing (to enable Weston-super-Mare – Clevedon Cycle Route) to Beaver Bridges to value of £1,384,911.09, covered the wider funding of the scheme, including approval of £594,203 for 'Other works', which includes the below mentioned works.

This Decision concerns the subsequent award of contract for:

- The repair and upgrading where required of the Clevedon coastal defences path.
- The upgrading of the footpath from Lower Strode Road to the coastal defences.
- Junction improvements at Lower Strode Rd / Southern Way.
- Junction improvements at Lyefield Rd, Kewstoke.
- Signing in conjunction with the above works.

In accordance with the Revised Commissioning Plan, eight companies were invited to tender for this opportunity

Tenders were received from three companies. The three tenders received were assessed on the basis of 80% price / 20% quality.

The evaluation results are summarised below:

QUALITY			Crestmoor	Bidder 2	Bidder 3
No.	Quality question	Max			
1	Ecology	20	16.00	12.00	12.00
2	Construction Methodology, Stakeholders and Programme	30	30.00	18.00	18.00
3	Project Risks and Health & Safety	30	30.00	24.00	18.00
4	Social Value and Sustainability Benefits	20	20.00	12.00	12.00
	Evaluation Score	100	96.00	66.00	60.00
	Weighted Quality Evaluation Score	20	19.20	13.20	12.00
	Price Score		78.61	77.36	80.00
	TOTAL SCORE (Price and Quality)		97.81	90.56	92.00
	Overall Ranking		1	3	2
	Most Economically Advantageous Tender		Crestmoor		

Following the evaluation of submissions received, Crestmoor Construction Services Ltd submitted the most economically advantageous submission (based on quality and price) and are recommended as the preferred supplier to the Project Board and Director for award of contract.

We therefore propose to offer Crestmoor Construction Services Ltd the contract at £236,202.92

The contract will be awarded against the NEC4 Engineering and Construction Contract, Option B – Priced contract with Bill of Quantities. Final contract payments will be subject to re-measurement of the indicative quantities used at tender.

DECISION:

To authorise officers to award and enter a contract for the following works:

- The repair and upgrading where required of the Clevedon coastal defences path.
- The upgrading of the footpath from Lower Strode Road to the coastal defences.
- Junction improvements at Lower Strode Rd / Southern Way.
- Junction improvements at Lyefield Rd, Kewstoke.
- Signing in conjunction with the above works.

with CRESTMOOR CONSTRUCTION SERVICES LIMITED, Company number 04823400 to the total value of £236,202.92.

REASONS:

Construction of these works are essential for the completion of the Weston-Clevedon Cycle Route.

External funding is available for these works unless we proceed now with these works this funding opportunity will be lost.

OPTIONS CONSIDERED:

Not completing these works would lower the overall quality and attractiveness of the scheme, particularly to those cyclists less confident on public roads. Not carrying out the junction works would compromise road safety at these locations.

The signing of the route is essential – route users need to know where they are going and not get lost. Signing also identifies the route and promotes it to potential users and helps signify to drivers that they should be additionally aware of cyclists.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:

Decision 21/22 DP146 included approval of £594,203 for 'Other works'.

- DP201 allocated £359,357
- This decision £236,203
- Total commitment £595,560

The balance of £1,357 will be covered by the contingency allocated.

The funding is identified in DP146.

LEGAL POWERS AND IMPLICATIONS

The Local Government Act 1972, enables NSC to construct the proposed path works on its own land, and private land in agreement with the landowners including the Environment Agency and Clevedon Golf Club. A legal agreement will be entered into with Clevedon Golf Club to clarify responsibilities.

CLIMATE CHANGE AND ENVIRONMENTAL IMPLICATIONS

The provision of this strategic cycleway will support the North Somerset Climate Emergency Strategy and Action Plan.

Throughout the tender process consideration has been given to local social and environmental conditions with an emphasis on the contractor's engagement with local supply chains.

The pathway works will largely be carried on existing pathways reducing the amount of base material required compared to new build and minimising ecological disturbance.

CONSULTATION

This Weston to Clevedon Cycle Route has been a corporate priority since 2007 when the scheme was included in the Replacement Local Plan. It was approved by the Infrastructure & Investment Board (IIB), 17/12/20.

The Clevedon Coastal Defences path landowners, including the Environment Agency and Clevedon Golf Club, Clevedon Town Council, and local Members have been consulted. Natural England have also been consulted.

Regarding a change of access at the Lyefield Road/Queensway junction, we are carrying out Statutory Consultation with the Police to seek their views on the measures being promoted. We have also engaged with the Parish Council. Following favourable comments from these bodies, we will be consulting with affected residents and promoting a Traffic Regulation Order before going ahead.

RISK MANAGEMENT

Risk	Control measures
Delay to completion of legal agreement with Clevedon Golf Club.	Works will be programmed so the Golf Course land is not entered until advised it is legally permitted.
Delay to decision or other unforeseen delays risks funding.	The path works will be primarily funded by the EU Rural Growth Fund, with further funding from Sustrans as required, with a deadline of March 2022. The Contractor is aware of and has programmed his works to be completed by this deadline. The works are straightforward in nature and will be carried out simultaneously at each main site.
Contractual risk, including unforeseen site conditions, potential delays, non-performance, non-compliance	The contract will be let under the NEC4 Engineering and Construction Contract and any contractual matters will be dealt with through the contract provisions.

EQUALITY IMPLICATIONS

Have you undertaken an Equality Impact Assessment? No

The sections of improved path, and the wider scheme, has been designed with equality of access for all users and all abilities, covered by Policy DM 33 of the Sites and Policies Plan (Part 1), and therefore no further action is considered required.

Policy DM 33 of the Sites and Policies Plan (Part 1) states that path surface, gradients, and all access points have been designed to facilitate access by disabled people which is of the same standard as that provided for able-bodied people; this includes those who use wheelchairs and mobility aids.

CORPORATE IMPLICATIONS

This project will assist in realising NSC's long term infrastructure goals and help meet its Corporate Plan priorities, including enhancing the visitor economy:

- A great place for people to live, work and visit.
- To be a carbon neutral council and area by 2030.
- A transport network which promotes active, accessible, and low carbon travel.
- An attractive and vibrant place for business investment and sustainable growth.

The development of this route is also supported by NSC's Active Travel Strategy (adopted July 2021).

Other relevant policy includes:

- The works form part of the Council's proposed 'Coastal Towns Cycle Route' which aims to link Bristol, Portishead, Clevedon, Weston-super-Mare, and Brea to create a high-quality cycle and pedestrian route across the authority, providing local linkages whilst also serving as an attraction and catalyst for cycle tourism. The Coastal Towns Cycle Route would complete the North Somerset section of NCN Route 33 which will link Bristol to Seaton in Devon.
- The Coastal Towns Cycle Route is included as a policy commitment and priority in the Joint Local Transport Plan 4 and in the Draft Active Travel Strategy.

BACKGROUND PAPERS

[1] Kent, R. (2018) Notice of Decision: 18/P/4758/FUL. North Somerset Council. Available at: https://planning.n-somerset.gov.uk/online-applications/files/E23633B33994BF7055C32E49D9D80ACB/pdf/18_P_4758_FUL-DECISION_FUL_APPROVE-2759524.pdf

[2] Searle, B (2020) Decision 20/21 DP272: Revised commissioning plan for the Weston-super-Mare to Clevedon (Tutshill) Cycleway <https://www.n-somerset.gov.uk/sites/default/files/2021-01/DP272%20REVISED%20COMM%20PLAN%20TUTSHILL%20all%20signatures%20%28002%29.pdf>

[3] Mann, F. (2019) Decision 19/20 DE02: Accept offer of £639,559.34 grant funding for Weston – Clevedon section of NS Coastal Towns Cycle Route from the Rural Payments Agency AND to add existing £100,000 in Joint Local Transport Plan budget to the 2019/20 Capital Programme.

[4] Searle, B. (2021) Decision 20/21 DP146: Award of contract for Tutshill agricultural crossing (to enable Weston-super-Mare – Clevedon Cycle Route) to Beaver Bridges to value of £1,384,911.09. <https://www.n-somerset.gov.uk/sites/default/files/2021-08/DP146%20signed.pdf>

[5] Searle, B. (2021) Decision: 21/22 DP 201: Award of contracts for path construction and other elements of Weston – Clevedon Cycle Route: Award of contract for path construction at Tutshill. <https://www.n-somerset.gov.uk/sites/default/files/2021-09/DP201%20signed.pdf>

Tender documents and returns.


SIGNATORIES:

DECISION MAKER(S):


Signed:  Director of Place

Date: 3 November 2021

With advice from:

Signed:  Director of Corporate Services (s151 Officer)

Date: 3 November 2021

Signed:  Head of Strategic Procurement

Date: 4 November 2021