

SHEPWAY DISTRICT COUNCIL
Request to waive Contract Standing Orders

<i>Title of Project:</i>	<i>Princes Parade Planning Application</i>
<i>Value Per Annum:</i>	N/A
<i>Total Contract Value:</i>	£91,049.98
<i>Officer requesting the waiver:</i>	<i>Andy Jarrett</i>

Purpose:

To seek agreement to a waiver to the Contract Standing Orders for the project, as detailed within this report.

1. Background:

On 4th November 2015 Cabinet considered a report regarding the future development of the Princes Parade site, within the Council's ownership, and the options for the replacement for Hythe Swimming Pool. The following was resolved :-

Taking account of the decisions of Hythe Town Council and Kent County Council the District Council to prepare a planning application for the comprehensive mixed use redevelopment of land at Princes Parade, Hythe. The uses and extent of the uses to be determined at a future meeting of Cabinet.

It has now been confirmed, following decisions from Kent County Council and Hythe Town Council and a process of due diligence undertaken by Shepway District Council (as considered by Cabinet on 24th February 2016 – C/15/80), that a replacement for Seabrook Primary School will not be included as part of the scheme but that the provision of an Affordable Recreation Centre (ARC) will be included as part of the planning application.

Following the decisions outlined above the Council is now in position to prepare an application for planning permission for the Princes Parade site. It is intended to appoint Tibbalds Planning and Urban Design to oversee the preparation and submission of the planning application, as well as elements of the public consultation, the co-ordination of the preparation of the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) and the preparation of the socio-economic chapter of the EIA. The appointment of other consultants, covering more detailed aspects of the scheme (for example heritage, contamination, transport), will be made directly by the Council. It was reported to Cabinet in November that the preparation of the planning application would begin in early 2016 with the application being submitted during the summer. The timetable was considered necessary in order to allow work to commence on site in 2017. In addition a report will be considered by Cabinet in April 2016 that considers the uses and extent of uses making up the scheme.

The application is complex in nature and, in order to meet the proposed timescale and the aspirations of Cabinet, the Head of Strategic Development

Projects considers it expedient to the efficient management of the project to waive contract standing orders in relation to the appointment of a planning consultant.

2. Budget and Policy Framework

The value of the contract is estimated as £91,049.98 and will be funded from budget ED02/CE35

3. Options - Soft Market Testing/Competition:

Detailed discussions, including a scoping meeting, have been held with the potential consultants Tibbalds Planning and Urban Design Ltd. to discuss the nature of the proposed service and to ensure that they are able to deliver within the timescale proposed.

4. Rationale for granting an waiver:

In order to ensure that the project can commence in an efficient and timely manner in order to meet the aspirations of Cabinet for a planning application to be submitted during Summer 2016.

5. Recommendations:

That the Monitoring Officer and Head of Finance consider the issues and agree to a waiver to the contract standing orders in this instance.

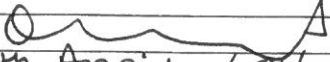
6. Head of Service Signature and approval to pass waiver request form onto Procurement for consideration at next waiver / extension meeting

<i>Comments</i>	
<i>Signed</i>	Andy Jarrett
<i>Service Area</i>	Strategic Development Projects
<i>Date</i>	20.03.2016

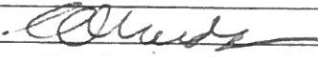
7. Procurement comments

<i>Comments</i>	
<i>Signed</i>	
<i>Date</i>	

8. Signature and approval of Shepway District Council's Monitoring Officer

Comments	Approved
Signed	
Date	11th April 2016

9. Signature and approval of Shepway District Council's Head of Finance

Comments	
Signed	
Date	11th April 2016

