

MEETING OF THE WITNEY TOWN COUNCIL

Held on Monday 18 August 2016

At 7pm in the Council Chamber, Town Hall

Present:

Councillor C Holliday (Chairman)

Councillors: S E Bartington A K Beames
C Brown H W Chirgwin
P J Dorward J M Doughty
H B Eaglestone D S Enright
A D Harvey T J Morris
C E Reynolds

Officers: Town Clerk Responsible Financial Officer
Works & Contracts Supervisor

453 **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies were received from Cllr Enright, Cllr Chirgwin, Cllr BJ Churchill and Cllr C Woodward. Standing apologies from Cllr King were recorded.

454 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interest.

455 **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

There were no members of the public present.

456 **EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC**

RESOLVED: that in accordance with section 1(2) of the Public Bodies (admissions to Meetings) Act 1960, and as extended By Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972, the public, including the press, be excluded from the meeting because of the confidential nature of the following business to be transacted

457 **A VERBAL REPORT FROM THE INTERVIEW PANEL IN ORDER TO AGREE AND AWARD THE GROUNDS MAINTENANCE CONTRACT**

The Leader, Cllr Toby Morris, advised of the tender process and interviews in relation to the Grounds Maintenance contract. The three contractors that were interviewed were Quadron, Continental Landscapes and the Landscape Group. The best interview was Continental and just on the scoring the best was Continental Landscapes. Members discussed the information received.

Members also discussed the optioned of offering the depot at West Witney Sports Ground on short term rolling twelve month lease to the new contractor if asked. The Works Contracts Supervisor raised concerns about vehicles moving at weekends when the children's sports activities were on as this had been an ongoing issue with the current contractor. He also pointed out that the depot had not been included in the tendering process and the existing contractor had been told it would not be available once the contract ended. Cllr Beames also pointed out

that the clubs at West Witney had been told that the depot would no longer be in use from October 2016 which had been welcomed. Members voted on the possible use of the depot at West Witney which was supported by the councillors present with the exception of Cllr Beames who asked that it be recorded he was opposed to this resolution.

RESOLVED: that Continental Landscapes be appointed as the contractor for grounds maintenance as detailed in the tender process and subject to acceptance by them of the contract award.

RESOLVED: that if asked the depot at West Witney could be made available for the use of the Grounds Maintenance contractor on a rolling 12 month contract basis.

458 **DECLARATION OF THE SUCCESSFUL CONTRACTOR AWARDED THE GROUNDS MAINTENANCE CONTRACT**

RESOLVED: that Continental Landscapes be awarded the contract for the grounds maintenance for Witney Town Council from 1 October 2016 to 30 September 2021.

The meeting closed at 7.40pm.
