

STOCKPORT COUNCIL
EXECUTIVE REPORT – SUMMARY SHEET

Subject: **JAMES CONWAY WAR MEMORIAL, MOUNT TABOR**

Report to: (a) Central Stockport Area Committee **Date:** Thursday, 13 July 2017

Report of: (b) Corporate Director for Place Management & Regeneration

Key Decision: (c) **NO / YES** (Please circle)

Forward Plan ☐ General Exception ☐ Special Urgency ☐ (Tick box)

Summary:

To update Central Stockport Area Committee members in relation to the outcome of a competitive tendering process for the research, design and fabrication of James Conway War Memorial to be installed at Mount Tabor, Stockport.

Recommendation(s):

The Corporate Director for Place Management & Regeneration requests that Central Area Committee note the outcome of the tender process and the information contained within this report. .

Relevant Scrutiny Committee (if decision called in): (d)

Environment & Economy Scrutiny Committee

Background Papers (if report for publication): (e)

There are none.

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‘Urgent Business’: (f) **YES / NO** (please circle)

Certification (if applicable)

This report should be considered as ‘urgent business’ and the decision exempted from ‘call-in’ for the following reason(s):

The written consent of Councillor and the Chief Executive/Monitoring Officer/Borough Treasurer for the decision to be treated as ‘urgent business’ was obtained on /will be obtained before the decision is implemented.

JAMES CONWAY WAR MEMORIAL, MOUNT TABOR

Report of the Corporate Director for Place Management & Regeneration

1. PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

- 1.1. To update Central Stockport Area Committee members in relation to the outcome of a competitive tendering process for the research, design and fabrication of James Conway War Memorial to be installed at Mount Tabor, Stockport.

2. BACKGROUND

- 2.1 A comprehensive 4 week consultation period regarding the Town Centre Access Plan Phase 2 schemes was undertaken in 2015/2016.
- 2.2 The purpose of the consultation was to inform stakeholders and members of the public of the proposals that form the TCAP Phase 2 schemes and Stockport Interchange project and seek their views.
- 2.3 TCAP Phase 2 Scheme 702 which was included within the consultation included proposals for the delivery of a statue/monument at Mount Tabor. The statue/memorial was intended to be a memorial to Cockleshell Hero Marine James Conway.
- 2.4 Following the consultation period a Town Centre Access Plan Phase 2 Consultation Update Report was submitted to the Executive on 22nd March 2016.
- 2.5 The Executive was recommended to note the outcome of the consultation and support the inclusion of the finalised schemes in the business case, delegating the approval of the final schemes to the Corporate Director Place Management and Regeneration in consultation with the Executive Councillor (Supporting Places) on 22nd March 2016.
- 2.6 The Executive was recommended to delegate the approval of an appropriate procurement option to the Corporate Director Place Management and Regeneration in consultation with the Executive Councillor (Supporting Places) on 22nd March 2016.
- 2.7 Authority was subsequently granted by the Corporate Director to proceed with the purchase of services and execution of works as set out in the Contract Procedure Rules in relation to this procurement exercise and awarding of the contract.

3. FINANCIALS

- 3.1 The memorial including research, design, fabrication, delivery, installation and community engagement is funded through the Town Centre Access Package.
- 3.2 The budget envelop is up to a maximum of £45,000.00.

4. TENDER PROCESS

- 4.1 Stockport Council invited tenders from artists/sculptors to research, design and fabricate a war memorial/sculpture in honour of Cockleshell Hero James Conway to be unveiled on the 75th Anniversary of the raid – 7th December 2017.
- 4.2 The objectives of the contract were identified as:
- To research, design, fabricate and deliver a permanent artwork/feature in honour of Cockleshell Hero James Conway at Mount Taber, Stockport in time for unveiling on the 75th Anniversary of the raid (7th December 2017)
 - To liaise and engage with key stakeholders including (but not limited to) elected members; senior officers; members of the local community; members of the Armed Forces and the Conway family to ensure the artwork is relevant to the site and local area and is an appropriate memorial to marine James Conway
 - To deliver a permanent artwork/feature that meets the key principles of Stockport Council's DRAFT Public Art Framework (to be circulated to successful bidder only)
 - To provide advice and guidance regarding on-going maintenance and decommissioning in writing upon installation.
- 4.3 The opportunity was advertised via The North West's Local Authority Procurement Portal – The Chest and Contracts Finder on 22nd March 2017.
- 4.4 Attempts were also made to advertise the opportunity in the local press; on IXIA (Public Art Think Tank) and Public Art Online.
- 4.5 The deadline for Tender Submissions was 3rd May 2017 at 12:00 midday.
- 4.6 There were circa 20 Expressions of Interest and ultimately 5 on time written submissions.
- 4.7 The scoring was weighted as follows:
- Price (20%)
 - Quality (65%)
 - Interviews (15%)
- 4.8 All 5 submissions passed the initial evaluation and came within the specified budget envelop.
- 4.9 All 5 suppliers were invited to interview on 17th May 2017.
- 4.10 A member of the Royal Marines and also James Conway's Great Niece joined the evaluation panel.

5. TENDER OUTCOME

- 5.1 Following the scoring of the price, written submissions and the interviews the Contract Owner and Project Manager sought further clarification regarding any minor outstanding matters via The Chest.
- 5.2 The Contract was subsequently awarded to the overall highest scoring submission – Luke Perry of Industrial Heritage Stronghold.
- 5.3 A representative of James Conway's family and a representative of the Royal Marines fully supported the outcome of the tender process and agreed to be involved throughout the Contract Delivery period.
- 5.4 The Contract Commenced on Monday 12th June 2017 and will run up until the installation of the Memorial which is intended to be on the 7th December 2017 – the 75th Anniversary of the raids.

6. RECOMMENDATIONS

- 6.1 The Corporate Director for Place Management & Regeneration requests that Central Area Committee note the outcome of the tender process and the information contained within this report.

Background Papers

There are no background papers to this report.

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