

BRIGHTON & HOVE CITY COUNCIL
PROCUREMENT ADVISORY BOARD

2.00pm 18 OCTOBER 2021

VIRTUAL – MS TEAMS

MINUTES EXTRACT – ITEM 31

31 BRIGHTON MARINA TO RIVER ADUR FLOOD AND COASTAL EROSION RISK MANAGEMENT (FCERM) SCHEME – PROJECT UPDATE AND ACCELERATED CONSTRUCTION PROCUREMENT STRATEGY.

31.1 Charlie Poole introduced the report starting on page 17 of the Agenda which concerned the project to improve flooding and erosion resiliency from Brighton Marina to the River Adur.

31.2 Councillor Yates was informed of the following points:

- Table 2 detailed the estimated costs, and some of the elements have already been accelerated.
- The date of the 31st March 2021 should have read as 31st March 2022.

Councillor Yates recommended that table 2 should be made clearer as to the accelerated works taking place in the year 2020-2021.

31.3 Councillor Druitt was informed of the following points:

- The Council has taken a ‘hole the line’ approach to coastal erosion, ensuring that the coastal defences are bolstered regularly.
- JBA are updating the modelling for the latest climate change guidance, and from that new construction elements for coastal defences will be known.
- These new defences will last for the next 15 years.
- The £2 Million will reduce the cost further down the line.

31.4 Clifford Youngman asked if any plans are in place for Lewes and East Sussex.

31.5 Councillor Osborne was informed that the optimism bias is applied because often things don’t work as planned on site, and various risks get accommodated when the projects are costed.

RESOLVED: The Procurement Advisory Board to provide recommendations to Environment, Transport and Sustainability committee on the following:

- The procurement strategy decision is to divide the scheme’s construction contracts into two phases, undertaking limited accelerated construction works using the Environment Agency (EA) Collaborative Delivery Framework (CDF) and then to undertake the main construction works using the Environment Agency’s Marine and Coastal Framework. The rationale for choosing two different frameworks is described in Section 12.

- To gain approval from ETS Committee, to procure the delivery of accelerated construction elements, under the EA's single supplier Collaborative Delivery Framework to VolkerStevin Ltd for construction across BHCC and Adur District Council's coastal frontage for a value of works less than £1,000,000 and funded entirely by Grant in Aid with no financial contributions required by BHCC.
- The award of this accelerated construction contract via the CDF is estimated for December 2021 / January 2022.