

CHESHIRE EAST COUNCIL

Cabinet

Date of meeting: 16 June 2008
Report of: Paul Ancell – Places Block Lead Officer
Title: Application for consent to enter into a contract – Queens Park, Crewe

1.0 Purpose of Report

- 1.1 To advise the Cabinet of the ongoing programme of restoration works at Queens Park in Crewe, and to seek consent for entering into a contract for Bridge and Lake works.

2.0 Decision Required

- 2.1 To consent to Crewe and Nantwich Borough Council entering into a contract with Wrekin Construction for Bridge and Lake works at Queens Park, Crewe and to agree delegation of consent for future contracts to the proper officer of Cheshire East Council.

3.0 Financial Implications for Transition Costs

- 3.1 None.

4.0 Financial Implications 2009/10 and beyond

- 4.1 None – all costs associated with the restoration works are included in the Crewe and Nantwich Capital Programme and fully funded by CNBC Capital Budget and HLF Grant.

5.0 Risk Assessment

- 5.1 Failure to give consent would at best delay the project, at worst halt the project altogether.

6.0 Background

- 6.1 The Queens Park restoration project was commenced in 2006, and is anticipated for completion in 2009/10. Total costs are in excess of £4m of which £2,775m is funded by the HLF (Heritage Lottery fund). Remaining costs are included in Crewe and Nantwich Borough Council's Capital Budget.
- 6.2 The largest single contract for Lake and Bridge works has been subject to a tendering process, and Wrekin Construction have been chosen as the favoured

contractor. Details of the works, their value and the programme are set out on the attached pro forma.

- 6.3 Further smaller contract awards are expected over the next 12 months, however, it is recommended that delegated responsibility for consent in those cases be given to the Cheshire East Section 151 Officer and Monitoring Officer.

7.0 Options

- 7.1 See risk assessment.

8.0 Reasons for Recommendation

- 8.1 To enable the agreed programme of restoration at Queens Park to continue and for the major groundworks to be undertaken.

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Background Documents:

Attached