

SHREWSBURY TOWN COUNCIL
FINANCE AND GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE
9 September 2024

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Tender Work

Purpose of Report

To receive an update on current tendering works and recently awarded contracts.

Quarry Ice Cream and Hot Drinks Tender

The current licence for Ice Creams and Hot Drinks is due to expire in March 2025, Tender documents have published for this and will over the summer of 2024 with a closing date of 27th September 2024, the current licensee is aware of the period and has been sent the documents directly. By doing this it should allow for interested parties to gather information over the summer months before submitting a final tender. The licence will run initially for a three-year period with the possibility of a two-year extension providing all stake holders are content.

Quarry Bouncy Castles

Over recent years the bouncy castles and reverse bungee in the Quarry have been arranged on pay as go basis, to bring this in to line with all other operations within the park it has been decided to put this out full tender, The current licensee is aware of this and has been sent the documents directly. This again will run over the summer period with a closing date of 27th September 2024. This licence will run for an initial two-year period with a possible two-year extension providing all stakeholders are content.

Quarry Main Gates Pillar Straightening.

A tender has very recently closed for the stabilisation of the piers that hold the main Quarry gates, Interest has been shown in this project from several different companies, following the closing date the Acting operations Manager is assessing the submissions with a view to awarding the contract to the most appropriate contractor.

Supply of Triple Rotary Mower

Following an unavoidable delay in awarding this contract, Shrewsbury Town Council have awarded the sale to T H White, the new machine has since been delivered and put to work on front line mowing across the town.

Old Riverbed Project

The contractors have returned to site as of September 2nd it is hoped that all remaining works will be completed with in one week to the satisfaction of the licence approver, this will see the contractors work complete on the site and any other requirements will be completed by Town Council staff and Shropshire Wildlife volunteers.

Bus Shelter replacements Phase 3

The third phase of bus shelter replacements is due to begin in the near future, whilst there is no specific date has been set as yet the need for road space permits means that applications will be required to be

submitted by the Town Council shortly, the Acting operations manager will inform the relevant ward member of when to expect works to be completed as soon the dates are available.

Future Tenders include:

Splash Park Surfacing repairs.

Play area refurbishments or replacements.

Production and Lead Times

Lead times are asked for in tender submissions, but these can only be used for the week or even day of the submittance as they are ever changing, firm dates are often not available until the point of order and even then, they may slip due to production line issues.

The project manager will continue to pursue prompt supply and install dates during projects and will keep ward members up to date when appropriate.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

- (i) **The report be noted.**