

**SHREWSBURY TOWN COUNCIL
FINANCE AND GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE
3 June 2024**

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Tender Work

Purpose of Report

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

Update on Christmas Lighting Tender

The Christmas Lighting contract has been awarded to Turnock Limited, this is the contractor who has installed the lighting previously.

The new displays will include further lighting along barker street with lamp column mounted displays similar to used previously along Smithfield Road.

Mayoral Car Tender

Furrows have been awarded this contract for a four-year lease of the new mayoral vehicle, The all-electric KIA E-Niro is a newer version of the current vehicle. This is currently planned for renewal in December 2024.

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.

Supply of Triple Rotary Mower

Tender documents are currently live for a Triple Rotary mower that is required to replace a similar aging machine in the front-line fleet. Closing date for this tender is Friday 7th June 2024

Radbrook Recreation Ground Pavilion

Due to other commitments of late the Project Manager has not been able to progress this any further however, a meeting with SAHA Football club will be convened at the next available opportunity to discuss needs and requirements. The Project Manager will keep this committee up to date with any progress.

Old Riverbed Project

The contractors have returned to site however due to lead times in production of the anti-pedestrian fence have had to delay this part of the instal, The Projects Manager and Countryside and Greenspace Manger attended a snagging meeting on site recently where there were some issues raised. Following this The Project Manager and Town Clerk have arranged a further site meeting to discuss the issue and solutions. The main issues are around a trash screen in the water course and some enhanced ditch fencing that may be required.

A steering group for the project has met with officers from Shrewsbury Town Council and Shropshire wildlife Trust recently, a further face to face has been planned with a view to keeping momentum behind the project.

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.