

**SHREWSBURY TOWN COUNCIL
FINANCE AND GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE
15 April 2024**

Officer: Stuart Farmer – Acting Operations Manager

Tender Work

Purpose of Report

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

Update on Christmas Lighting Tender

Following the tender process and evaluation of submissions, all submissions had met the requirements of qualifications and working practices as well as all being within the agreed budget, a working party meeting was convened with councillors Mrs Moseley and Wilson to view all submissions. A unanimous decision was reached to award the contract to the previous contractor and to investigate the possibility of extending the displays along barker.

The Project Manager is now in discussions with the contractor regarding the extensions and any further requirements.

Mayoral Car Tender

The current lease for the Mayoral car is due to come to an end in December 2024, after discussions with several suppliers around lead times of vehicles, it was decided to go to tender for a new lease early in the year to ensure continuous service of the mayoral vehicle, a stipulation was made that vehicle will be delivered to Shrewsbury Town Council on December 1st, 2024. Several responses have been received from different suppliers and manufacturers. The evaluation is currently ongoing.

Radbrook Recreation Ground Pavilion

Further discussions have been held with other parties regarding the redevelopment of the changing rooms since the largely unsuccessful tender process on the grounds of cost, the proposed plans have been shared with SAHA football club and Shrewsbury Fisheries to establish current exact requirements and possibilities for the use of the building,

Car parking at the site is due to extended imminent working along SAHA FC to improve this facility.

Old Riverbed Project

The Project Manager has been in contact with the contractor regarding a return to works date, at present the contractor is awaiting the delivery of the agreed trash screen for the wet area of the site.

Understandably they are hesitant to return to site to complete the works without this as it may result in a further return visit being required should it be delayed in production. A steering group meeting for the site has been convened for later in the month with all interested parties expected to attend.

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. **9**

RECOMMENDATIONS:

- (i) The report be noted.**