

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

**Officer:** Stuart Farmer – Acting Operations Manager

**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 27<sup>th</sup> 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 27<sup>th</sup> 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 is currently in draft for the straightening of the quarry main gates pillars. The pillar to the left of the main gates has developed a lean over recent years, whilst it is still solid investigations are required, this is planned to include the removal and temporary storage of the gates whilst ground works are completed to rectify the issue.

**Supply of Triple Rotary Mower**

Submissions have been received and are currently under review unfortunately there has been an unavoidable delay regarding the award of this tender.

**Old Riverbed Project**

Currently awaiting a date of return for the final stages of the build, once these have been completed a visit from the licencing authority will take place prior to the licence being granted with the release planned for the autumn.

**Sunday Market**

Following conversations with the current Sunday Market operator who has expressed his wish to retire, tender documents are currently being drafted and early engagement conversations are due to commence shortly.

**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.