

Finance and Resources Committee

10.00am, Tuesday, 20 June 2023

Award of contract for Project Management, Site Supervision and Technical Consultancy Services for North Bridge Refurbishment

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1. Recommendations

- 1.1 It is recommended that the Committee approves the award of contract to Currie & Brown UK Limited, for Project Management, Site Supervision and Technical Consultancy Services for North Bridge Refurbishment. The contract will be awarded through the direct award mechanism of the Scotland Excel 0820 Engineering and Technical Consultancy framework. This contract will start on 1 August 2023, has a value of £1,229,155, and will end on 30 June 2026.

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2. Executive Summary

- 2.1 This report seeks approval for contract award to Currie & Brown UK Limited, for Project Management, Site Supervision and Technical Consultancy Services for North Bridge Refurbishment. The contract will be awarded through the direct award mechanism of the Scotland Excel 0820 Engineering and Technical Consultancy framework. This contract will start on 1 August 2023, has a value of £1,229,155, and will end on 30 June 2026.

3. Background

- 3.1 Balfour Beatty Civil Engineering Limited were appointed via the Scape Group Framework Agreement for the construction works to refurbish North Bridge; comprising structural steelwork repairs, preparation and painting of the structure and facades, repairs to cast iron façades, minor concrete repairs, restoration of the KOSB war memorial, and installation of permanent platforms to improve access for future inspections and maintenance. The current approved budget is £62.182m and is contained within the 10-year Sustainable Capital Budget Strategy 2022-32. The current planned completion date is June 2025, and a 12-month post-completion defect period is included in the contract.
- 3.2 To support the construction works contract with Balfour Beatty, the Council has four separate contracts for Project Management and Technical Consultancy services. These are as follows:
- 3.2.1 A contract with Currie & Brown UK Limited under the Council's CT9676 Professional Services Framework 2016, for Project Management and technical services
- 3.2.2 Three contracts with BHL Consultancy Ltd under the Council's CT2240 Clerk of Works Framework for Technical Advisor services, Contract Supervisor services and Inspector Services.

- 3.3 Due to the extension of the construction works contract, it is necessary to also extend the services currently provided under the four support service contracts listed above.
- 3.4 The two frameworks under which these contracts were awarded have since expired. With a recently approved budget and increasing certainty of the completion date for the refurbishment works, there is now an opportunity to appoint a single supplier to provide all of the required services.
- 3.5 Due to the sub-contract arrangements within the contracts detailed in 3.1, combining the services into a single contract will allow the Council to maintain consistency in the services provided on site. A single contract will also result in simplified contract governance and management, reduced markup, and more effective reporting.

4. Main report

- 4.1 The proposed contract is a direct award to Currie & Brown UK Limited for Project Management, Site Supervision and Technical Consultancy Services for North Bridge Refurbishment. Subject to approval the contract will be awarded through the direct award mechanism of the Scotland Excel 0820 Engineering and Technical Consultancy framework.
- 4.2 The breakdown of the contract value is contained in Appendix 1. The total value is £1,229,155.
- 4.3 The contract will commence on 1 August 2023. Coinciding with the planned completion date, most of the services will end in June 2025, however an allowance for continued services has been included to cover the 12-month defects liability period following completion.
- 4.4 The services currently provided through BHL Consultancy Ltd are sub-contracted to three limited companies. For continuity in service, it is intended to retain these three sub-contracts. Due to the reduction in markup under the proposed arrangement with Currie & Brown, there is a saving of approximately £40,000. This is in addition to the improved efficiency in reporting, and contract governance and management which will result in further savings.
- 4.5 It is prudent to retain the current suppliers to ensure the continuity of the existing team, and the Scotland Excel 0820 Engineering and Technical Consultancy framework facilitates this direct award to Currie & Brown UK Limited. Bringing in a new supplier at this stage would add disproportionate time and cost to the project, mainly due to a lack of familiarity with the complex works involved.
- 4.6 Due to the variety of services provided under the contract and the different commercial arrangements which apply to each, it may be necessary to award these services in two separate contracts. Whilst each of these contracts will be less than the threshold requiring Committee approval, it was felt appropriate to seek approval

of award due to the aggregate amount being in excess of £1,000,000. The advantages outlined in 3.5 will still apply.

5. Next Steps

- 5.1 Subject to the approval of the recommendations in this report, the contract will be awarded to Currie & Brown UK Limited.

6. Financial impact

- 6.1 The total value of the contract is £1,229,155.
- 6.2 Awarding the contract results in savings of approximately £40,000 due to reduced sub-consultancy markup.
- 6.3 All costs are contained within the current approved North Bridge Refurbishment project budget.

7. Stakeholder/Community Impact

- 7.1 There are no equalities or sustainability impacts directly arising as a result of this report.
- 7.2 The existing commitment to Community Benefits will be continued by Currie & Brown. Examples for this project include work placements, training and support for an unemployed person looking to return to employment, local college visits to the project, participation in the Council's 'Meet the Buyer' event, and talks/training to Council staff on new legislation and other commercial matters to enhance knowledge transfer.

8. Background reading/external references

- 8.1 None.

9. Appendices

- 9.1 Appendix 1 - Cost breakdown

Appendix 1: Cost Breakdown

Services	2023	2024	2025	2026	Total
Project Management	£ 115,036	£ 255,173	£ 127,323	£ 26,269	£ 523,801
Principal Designer	£ 16,698	£ 41,601	£ 25,582	£ 5,021	£ 88,902
Technical Advisor	£ 64,176	£ 144,794	£ 103,748	£ 19,201	£ 331,919
Site Supervision	£ 68,729	£ 143,079	£ 60,005	£ 12,721	£ 284,533
Total	£ 264,639	£ 584,647	£ 316,658	£ 63,212	£ 1,229,155

Notes:

- Project Management also includes Cost Management services.
- A contingency of 15% has been applied to the annual totals.

Estimated annual increases, in accordance with the Scotland Excel framework, have been included.