Committee Meeting Minutes

20 May 2021

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Mick Sparnon Seconded: Cr Rebecca Boseley

That:

- 1. Pursuant to Section 90(2) & (3) of the Local Government Act 1999 the Committee orders that the public, be excluded from attendance at the meeting held on Thursday 20 May 2021 for discussion of the tender award of the Town Centres Revitalisation Project Stage 1 and project budget as part of Agenda item 6.1 Project Update;
- 2. The Committee is satisfied that pursuant to section 90 (3) (k) of the Local Government Act 1999, the information to be received, discussed or considered in relation to the discussion of the tender award of the Town Centres Revitalisation Project Stage 1 and project budget as part of Agenda item 6.1 Project Update is:
 - tenders for the supply of goods, the provision of services or the carrying out of works.
- 3. The Committee is satisfied that the principle that the meeting be conducted in a place open to the public has been outweighed by the need to discuss the tender award of the Town Centres Revitalisation Project Stage 1 and project budget as part of Agenda item 6.1 Project Update in confidence.

CARRIED

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CONFIDENTIAL SECTION - 6.1 PROJECT UPDATE - BUDGET & TENDER OVERVIEW

A comprehensive overview of the Pinnaroo Village Green Master Plan Project budget and the tender process and outcomes of the Stage 1 works was presented by Sam Wellington, Manager Major Project Delivery. Key points outlined included:

- The overall project budget for the Pinnaroo Village Green is \$2,000,000.
- The Stage 1 budget is \$500,000 through the Drought Communities Programme Extension (DCPE) grant funding.
- Stage 2/3 budget is \$1,500,000 comprised of the Building Better Regions (BBRF) grant funding, \$1,125,000, and a council contribution of \$375,000.
- Stage 1 completion date is June 30 2021 but an extension has been lodged and is expected to be approved shortly. Stage 2/3 completion date is December 2022.
- The master plan outlined projects A through G which is a concept plan for the entire site area but not all sections are funded currently.
 - An overview of Projects A F was provided. It was acknowledged there is an
 opportunity to continue to pursue funding to complete the remaining section of the
 master plan in the future.
 - Project G is the "Big Thing" and which is currently unfunded. Ideas for this project need to be community driven and the Steering Committee can help by providing a leadership role in progressing this. Wax Design could be approached to provide some direction on how to progress and different funding opportunities could be considered. It was noted the original concept for this was to have an element of interaction, movement or colour change.
- The grant agreements outline the areas that are funded. An overview was provided of the specific activities or deliverables as included in the DCPE and the BBRF grant agreements.
- In the development of Stage 1 design there has been significant overlap in our deliverables for Stages 2/3. This has significance when considering the project budget and tender award price. An overview was provided which highlighted what is included in our current tendered works program in comparison to the grant funding agreement requirements. It was noted that the works cross over between Stages 1 and 2/3 provides efficiencies in the works schedule for example the ability to do all civil style works together.
- One project exclusion due to budget constraints has been the lighting aspect for the northsouth path, this is specified in the grant agreements but won't be delivered immediately. The project does include the conduit for lighting which will allow for it to be added easily in the future.
- It was clarified that the signage referred to in the grant agreement is wayfinding. This was not the entry screen installation.
- The grant agreement does include 'Bike, cyclo-cross with jumps, rock obstacles and log balance' and Wax Design are considering how to incorporate this into the loop path design.
- It was raised that all decisions in determining spend priority need to be well thought through
 ensuring they reflect the priorities aligning to the dollar figure of our current budget as it is
 possible that government funding and grant opportunities will reduce in future years. All scope
 decisions also need to reflect the grant agreement requirements.

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- The Stage 1 works tender was released to market November 2020 and was originally planned to be open 4 weeks but at a request from a potential tenderer it was left open until the end of January.
- Following this process, LCS Landscapes were appointed as the contractor for these works.
- On top of the costs outlined there are also project set-up costs for example design and soil testing which normally attribute approximately 10% of total project costs.
- Project Management is outside of the allocated \$2 million budget and will be Council funded.
- The remaining budget for Stages 2/3 was outlined as \$500,000 \$600,000 to be broken up to cover the playspace, loop paths and detention basin.
- The project team plan to explore how more agile procurement methods can be achieved for the remainder of Stages 2/3, for example breaking the work into smaller packages, attracting local suppliers or adding on works to the current LCS Landscapes works contract to reduce preliminaries and accommodation costs.
- Recently Jason Taylor and Sam Wellington attended an Open Spaces Conference which included touring other playspaces that LCS Landscapes constructed and they were extremely high quality.
- It was requested that Wax Design confirm the size in square meters of the current play space design to help committee members with the understanding of scale.

