

EAST RENFREWSHIRE COUNCIL

CABINET

30 August 2018

Report by Director of Environment

CONTRACT STANDING ORDERS:
GREENHAGS CIVIC AMENITY SITE – ACCESS ROAD WIDENING

PURPOSE OF REPORT

1. The purpose of this report is to advise the Cabinet of a variation to the contract for the widening of the access road to Greenhags Civic Amenity Site in accordance with Council Contract Standing Orders and to seek approval for further expenditure of £60,000.

RECOMMENDATIONS

2. It is recommended that the Cabinet:
- (a) Note the circumstances of the variation to the contract; and
 - (b) Approve additional expenditure of £96,915.31 (in addition to the original contract value of £246,102.08) to dispose of unexpected landfill material as detailed within the report.

BACKGROUND

3. The access road to Greenhags Civic Amenity Site is currently a sub-standard single track road with a minimum width of 3.2m. This requires all vehicles servicing and using the Site to employ ad-hoc shuttle working via lay-bys. It is a condition of the upcoming Clyde Valley Partnership contract that widening works to improve vehicular access are required. However, on commencing these works landfill material was discovered in locations that were not anticipated, as the site pre-dates licensing requirements and there are no landfill records. This landfill material requires to be removed to allow the widening works to progress.

4. Widening of the access road has been an aspiration of the Council for many years and will remove its sub-standard layout and provide an improved route to the Civic Amenity Site. £500,000.00 was allocated from the Capital budget for improvements to the Civic Amenity site of which this project forms part.

5. It should be noted that once the project started on site there has been a desire to complete the widening works as soon as possible to reduce the disruption to the Civic Amenity Site.

6. The Contract for the access road widening works was awarded to Maclay Civil Engineering Ltd. for the sum of £246,102.08. Works commenced on site on 16 August 2018 to widen the existing access road. The discovery of landfill material was made on 20 August 2018 with subsequent trial pits of the site identifying its locations. To date Maclay have progressed their works in areas where there is no landfill material present. The widening works will remove the sub-standard access road and provide an improved route to the Civic Amenity Site.

REPORT

7. Once works commenced on site at the Civic Amenity Site, the discovery of unanticipated landfill material will result in additional work and associated costs being incurred. The anticipated cost of this additional work (termed as a Compensation Event) is £96,915.31

8. Contract Standing Orders paragraph 14 states;

“Any contract variation under £50,000 must be authorised in writing by the Director of the procuring department or other officer nominated in writing for that purpose by that Director. In such cases, any variation over £30,000 or 15% of the original contract value (whichever is greater) must be reported to Cabinet as soon as practicable.

Variations over £50,000 must be reported to Cabinet for approval prior to the variation being instructed. If the variation is urgently required, approval may be given by two members of Cabinet. The variation should be reported to Cabinet as soon as practicable after such approval.”

9. Cabinet approval is therefore required to proceed with the landfill material removal works at an anticipated cost of £96,915.31. These works are considered as essential to complete the project satisfactorily.

FINANCE AND EFFICIENCY

10. The cost of the additional works to Greenhags Civic Amenity Site Access Road Widening can be contained within the 2018/19 capital budget allocation for this project. The project is expected to outturn at approximately £343,000 against a budget of £500,000.

CONSULTATION

11. The implications of this on the Capital Programme has been discussed with colleagues in Waste Management.

PARTNERSHIP WORKING

12. No partnership working was required.

IMPLICATIONS OF THE PROPOSALS

13. The variation can be contained within the capital budget. There are no implications in terms of staffing, property, legal, IT, equalities and sustainability.

CONCLUSIONS

14. The widening of the access road to Greenhags Civic Amenity Site will remove the current sub-standard access. The discovery of unanticipated landfill material will increase project costs. However, they can be contained within the existing capital provision.

RECOMMENDATIONS

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