

## Record of individual Cabinet member decision

Local Government Act 2000 and the Local Authorities (Executive Arrangements) (Meetings and Access to Information) (England) Regulations 2012

<b>Decision made by</b>	Cllr Mark Coleman- Deputy Leader and Cabinet member for environmental services and waste
<b>Key decision?</b>	Yes
<b>Date of decision</b> (same as date form signed)	11.06.2024
<b>Name and job title of officer requesting the decision</b>	David Bell – Technical Services -Senior Engineer
<b>Officer contact details</b>	Tel: 07917 088331 Email: David.Bell@southandvale.gov.uk
<b>Decision</b>	<p>To award a refurbishment works contract to Soma Services Ltd at Sparsholt Sewage Treatment Works.</p> <p>To provide a letter of intent to Soma to enable them to instruct their sub-contractor to commence with the manufacture of the plant whilst the associated Joint Contracts Tribunal (JCT) contract is put in place.</p>
<b>Reasons for decision</b>	<p>The procurement of the main contract was completed via open tender on the southeast portal and a total of five compliant tenders were received. The compliant tenders received are listed in the appendix together with the evaluation details.</p> <p>Engineers assessed the responses and the most advantageous tender on cost and quality grounds was the tender provided by Soma Services Ltd.</p> <p>To reduce weather related risks to the programme, which could impact on final costs, it is officer recommendation that works should commence as soon as possible to commence work during the summer months. There is a 12-to-14 week manufacturing period before the main treatment plant can be delivered to site. It is therefore recommended that the Council provide a letter of intent to Soma to enable them to instruct the plant manufacturer in the line with the specification ahead of the works contract being finalised.</p>

<b>Alternative options rejected</b>	<p>Alternatives were considered in a Cabinet Briefing Paper dated 27 October 2021. These alternatives included detailed consideration of the potential for first time drainage in Sparsholt, which would require adoption of a new sewage treatment works by Thames Water and pumping stations to connect to the nearest existing adopted foul sewer.</p> <p>Alternatives were rejected on cost / feasibility / likelihood grounds and the preferred option of rebuilding / refurbishing the sewage treatment plant to current Environment Agency standards (but not Thames Water adoptable standards) has been brought forward.</p>
<b>Climate and ecological implications</b>	<p>The refurbishment of the sewage treatment plant will incorporate new solar panels at the site, that will generate the majority of electricity required to run the treatment unit and pump. A back up mains electric supply will still be required; however it may be possible to sell excess energy produced during sunlit hours back to the grid. This will improve the energy efficiency of the site.</p> <p>The greenhouse gas emissions associated with the sewage treatment works are reported annually by the council. The installation of the new solar panels will result in a reduction in greenhouse gas, thereby contributing to the council's target to be net zero within its own operations by 2030.</p>
<b>Legal implications</b>	<p>The proposed contract value is not above the EU threshold relating to contract procurement rules however does exceed £75,000. It is proposed to enter into a contract using the JCT Standard Building Contract with Quantities as amended by legal services.</p> <p>A section of land was recently bought by the Council to enable a suitable access road to be constructed to the facility for construction and retention thereafter.</p> <p>A copy of the tender evaluation showing weighted quality score (40 percent) and price (60 percent) has been made confidential as it includes competitive tender information.</p>
<b>Financial implications</b>	<p>The winning tender is £344,024.25 and includes £14,400 of contingency. This is considered value for money for the works proposed.</p> <p>There is £177,000 in capital budget YA46. A growth bid for additional funding to replace the sewage treatment works in Vale was submitted and included £500,000 over the next three years, some of this allocation was intended as a contribution to Sparsholt STW, as the original budget was set several years ago and did not include an access road required to enable construction for this project.</p> <p>It is proposed therefore to make up the difference of £167,024.25 from the additional growth bid.</p>
<b>Climate implications</b>	As above
<b>Equalities implications</b>	None

<b>Other implications</b>	None			
<b>Background papers considered</b>	Cabinet Briefing Paper dated 27 October 2021			
<b>Declarations/ conflict of interest? Declaration of other councillor/ officer consulted by the Cabinet member?</b>	N/A			
<b>List consultees</b>		<b>Name</b>	<b>Outcome</b>	<b>Date</b>
	Ward councillors  Cllr Paul Barrow	Paul Barrow	I am more than happy with this. The old treatment plant was out of date and well overdue for replacement. I assume the KEE plant is one of the new activated sludge bits of kit relying on aeration etc? (note type of plant clarified by e-mail)	15/05/24
	Legal <a href="mailto:legal@southandvale.gov.uk">legal@southandvale.gov.uk</a>	Pat Connell	Agreed – comments incorporated in report	24/05/24
	Finance <a href="mailto:Finance@southandvale.gov.uk">Finance@southandvale.gov.uk</a>	Damon Cotterill	There is £197,000 in capital budget YA46, but there is spend of £18,015 already in YA46 for 23/24 to consider.  Additional growth bid of £500,000 for period 2024/25 – 2026/27 agreed at February council for STW refurbishment work.	14/05/24
	Climate and biodiversity <a href="mailto:climateaction@southandvale.gov.uk">climateaction@southandvale.gov.uk</a>	Jessie Fieth	Approved (comments added to main section of report)	14/05/24
	Diversity and equality <a href="mailto:equalities@southandvale.gov.uk">equalities@southandvale.gov.uk</a>	Abi Witting	No comments	13/05/24
	Procurement <a href="mailto:Procurement@southandvale.gov.uk">Procurement@southandvale.gov.uk</a>	Angela Cox	Agreed – no comments	13/05/24
	Human resources <a href="mailto:hadminandpayroll@southandvale.gov.uk">hadminandpayroll@southandvale.gov.uk</a>		No comment from HR	
	Property <a href="mailto:property@southandvale.gov.uk">property@southandvale.gov.uk</a>	Chris Mobbs	Strategic Property has no comments to make.	10/05/24
	Health and safety <a href="mailto:healthandsafety@southandvale.gov.uk">healthandsafety@southandvale.gov.uk</a>	Andrew Huckstep	No comments at this point. Request awareness regarding design and installation details	13/05/24

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	Property Assets <a href="mailto:Facilities@southandvale.gov.uk">Facilities@southandvale.gov.uk</a>		No comment from Property Assets	
	Risk and insurance <a href="mailto:risk@southandvale.gov.uk">risk@southandvale.gov.uk</a>	Yvonne Cutler Greaves	Agreed	17/05/24
	Communications <a href="mailto:communications@southandvale.gov.uk">communications@southandvale.gov.uk</a>	Peter Truman	No comments	16/05/24
<b>Confidential decision?</b> If so, under which exempt category?	No			
<b>Call-in waived by Scrutiny Committee chairman?</b>	No			
<b>Has this been discussed by Cabinet members?</b>	Cabinet Member Deputy Leader and Cabinet member for environmental services and waste			
<b>Cabinet portfolio holder's signature</b> To confirm the decision as set out in this notice.	Signature (via e-mail) Cllr Mark Coleman – Cabinet Member Deputy Leader and Cabinet member for environmental services and waste.  Date 11.06.2024			

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