

<b>Report on</b>	Peace IV-Towns Shared Spaces
<b>Date of Meeting</b>	28 <sup>th</sup> July 2022
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<b>Is this report restricted for confidential business?</b>  If 'Yes', confirm below the exempt information category relied upon	Yes	
	No	X

<b>1.0</b>	<b>Purpose of Report</b>		
1.1	For Council to approve awarding delegated powers for the award of IST contracts for the Peace IV- Towns Shared Spaces Project.		
<b>2.0</b>	<b>Background</b>		
2.1	PEACE IV Towns Shared Spaces project is funded by SEUPB, which aims to create regional shared space & local shared cross community spaces in the towns of Cookstown, Magherafelt and Dungannon. To seek to address the impact of the Troubles and breakdown a rural interface of polarisation & segregation, and build the confidence of communities to engage together.		
2.2	Council submitted an application to Peace IV Towns Shared Space Programme. Council has been successful in securing £119,000.00 of funding for the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Cookstown – Molesworth street, Street Furniture and Parasols</li> <li>• Dungannon – Feeneys lane site, Street furniture and Awnings</li> <li>• Magherafelt – Meeting Street, Street furniture and Parasols</li> </ul>		
2.3	Coalisland scheme is already awarded and currently in construction mode.		
<b>3.0</b>	<b>Main Report</b>		
3.1	Due to delays in getting schemes designed and developed, the Committee deadline has been missed to award these contracts in the normal manner – the procurement route of public tender was required as part of the Funders process. The schemes have been now tendered through the MUDC Procurement team via eTendersNI with timeline indicated in Table 1 below.		
	<b>Tender Issue</b>	<b>Tender Closes</b>	<b>Tender assessment</b>
	11/07/2022	26/07/2022	27/07/2022
			<b>Award</b> 29/07/2022 (request for

			Delegated Authority-)
	Table 1		
3.2	The end date for delivery of this project is 31 <sup>st</sup> August 2022. This is the closure date for the overall PEACE IV Towns Shared Space Programme. SEUPB have indicated that no further extensions would be granted, though this will be reviewed, subject to the delivery timeframes of the submitted tenders. All capital works must be delivered and valuations agreed, paid and claims submitted to SEUPB by this date in order to be eligible for funding.		
3.3	Due to the limited timeframes involved, approval is therefore sought to delegate authority to Chief Executive / Deputy Chief Executive to authorise the award of these IST contracts to the successful tenderers. This will allow for ordering, delivery and installation of equipment to meet the end of August funding deadline. This will assist in the completion dates for the programme delivery as detailed in Section 3.2.		
<b>4.0</b>	<b>Other Considerations</b>		
<b>4.1</b>	<b>Financial, Human Resources &amp; Risk Implications</b>		
	Financial: As identified.		
	Human: Within existing staffing structure or appointed Consultants as per each specific Project.		
	Risk Management: Non-delivery of the project's completion will result in negative press for the Council, reduction in grant funding allocation and impact development of services in the District.		
<b>4.2</b>	<b>Screening &amp; Impact Assessments</b>		
	Equality & Good Relations Implications: N/A		
	Rural Needs Implications: N/A		
<b>5.0</b>	<b>Recommendations</b>		
5.1	It is recommend to Council that, pursuant to Section 7(1)(b) of the Local Government Act (NI) 2014, that authority is delegated to Chief Executive to approve the award of IST contracts for the Peace IV Towns Shared Spaces Project subject to them being within budget parameters.		
5.2	A full update report will be brought back to Members in September Committee/Council for Members information.		
<b>6.0</b>	<b>Documents Attached &amp; References - None</b>		