

To: Finance, Resources and Customer Services Policy Board

On: 2nd February 2022

**Report by: Joint Report by the Chief Executive and the Director of
Communities and Housing**

**Heading: Provision of Street Stuff
(RC-CPU-21-091)**

1. Summary

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to seek the approval of the Finance, Resources and Customer Services Policy Board to award a contract to St Mirren Football Club Ltd.(The) for the Contract for the provision of Street Stuff.
 - 1.2 This procurement exercise has been conducted in accordance with Section 12 (1) of the Procurement Reform (Scotland) Act 2014 (as amended).
 - 1.3 A Contract Strategy for this contract was approved by the Strategic Commercial and Procurement Manager and the Head of Communities and Public Protection.
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2. Recommendations

- 2.1 It is recommended that the Finance, Resources and Customer Services Policy Board authorise the Head of Corporate Governance:

- 2.1.1 To award the Contract for the Provision of Street Stuff to ST MIRREN FOOTBALL CLUB LTD.(THE) (the “Contract”);
- 2.1.2 To award the Contract for an initial two (2) year period from 1st March 2022 to 29th February 2024 with the sole option of the Council to extend for up to a further 12 months on two separate occasion to 28th February 2026; and
- 2.1.3 To award the Contract with the core funding of £125,000 per annum, however as additional funding may be secured by the Council during the life of the contract the total value will not exceed a maximum value of £650,000 excluding VAT for the entire contract period.

3. **Background**

- 3.1 The Council requires to put in place a contract for the provision of Street Stuff services (the “Service”). The Service is a multi-award winning youth engagement and diversionary project which has helped reduce youth disorder and provide positive activities and outcomes in every area of Renfrewshire in which it operates. The original project commenced in 2009 as a community-based response to youth engagement through the use of football and has since expanded to provide a range of activities including digital and cultural buses, holiday camps, life skills and learning, volunteering and employment opportunities. The Street Stuff Service supports social inclusion, education around healthy eating and lifestyles and delivers positive destinations for young people.
- 3.2 The Service was originally borne out of concerns about rising youth offending rates across Renfrewshire. Through targeting specific geographical ‘hot spot’ areas, the Service aims to address the causes of anti-social behaviour through its engagement with children and young people, aged 8-18 years, at no financial cost to those children or their parents or guardians. Over the period of its operation levels of youth related anti-social behaviour have reduced by around 65%. Should additional funding become available to the Council during the period of the contract Holiday Activity Programmes for children and young people aged 5-16 year plus will delivered as part of the Service.
- 3.3 The Head of Policy and Commissioning (HOPAC) approved the procedure for procurement of a negotiated contract without competition in accordance with the Council’s Standing Orders Relating to Contracts order 14. (Negotiated contract without competition) for a contract made

under Section 12 (1) of the Procurement Reform (Scotland) Act 2014 (as amended).

- 3.4 This Invitation to tender was issued to St Mirren Football Club Ltd. (The) via the Public Contract Scotland Tender portal on 10th September 2021 with a tender closing date of 12 noon on 30th September 2021.
- 3.5 The tender document issued included a Single Procurement Document (SPD) as required by the Council's Standing Orders relating to Contracts and the tender response submitted was evaluated against a pre-determined set of criteria by representatives from the following Council Services: Corporate Procurement Unit, Corporate Risk, Health and Safety and also by representatives of Communities and Housing – all requirements were met.
- 3.6 Community Benefits were sought as part of the procurement process and St Mirren Football Club Ltd.(The) advised within their tender submission that the following Community Benefits would be delivered as part of this Contract:
- Modern Apprenticeship
 - Work Experience Placement for an individual 16+years
 - Work Experience Placement for an individual aged 14-16 years
 - Industry Skill Transfer to Schools
 - Non financial support for a Community Project

Implications of the Report

1. **Financial** – Using Dun & Bradstreet, the financial status of St Mirren Football Club Ltd.(The) was assessed which confirmed that the organisation satisfied the Council's requirements in relation to financial stability.
2. **HR & Organisational Development** - None
3. **Community/Council Planning** –
 - Our Renfrewshire is thriving – providing positive destinations for children and young people from Renfrewshire
 - Our Renfrewshire is well - Supporting the wellness and resilience of our children and young people
 - Our Renfrewshire is fair – providing support in areas of multiple deprivation as well as areas with high incidences of youth disorder and anti-social behaviour

- Reshaping our place, our economy and our future – a strong community-based service that responds to the needs of children and young people in Renfrewshire
 - Working together to improve outcomes – The services delivered help to improve outcomes of children and young people within Renfrewshire.
4. **Legal** – The procurement of this contract has been conducted in accordance with Section 12 (1) of the Procurement Reform (Scotland) Act 2014 (as amended) and the Council's Standing Orders relating to Contracts.
 5. **Property/Assets** - None
 6. **Information Technology** - None
 7. **Equality & Human Rights** - The Recommendations contained within this report have been assessed in relation to their impact on equalities and human rights. No negative impacts on equality groups or potential for infringement of individuals' human rights have been identified arising from the recommendations contained in the report. If required following implementation, the actual impact of the recommendations and the mitigating actions will be reviewed and monitored, and the results of the assessment will be published on the Council's website.
 8. **Health & Safety** – St Mirren Football Club Ltd.(The) Health and Safety submission has been evaluated by Corporate Health and Safety and meets the Council's requirements.
 9. **Procurement** – The procurement procedures outlined within this report shall ensure that the Council meets its statutory requirements in respect of procurement procedures, efficiency and modern Government.
 10. **Risk** – St Mirren Football Club Ltd.(The) insurances have been assessed and evaluated and meet the minimum requirements regarding insurable risk.
 11. **Privacy Impact** - The Service Provider is required to enter in to a data processing agreement as part of this Contract and is also subject to the Data Protection requirements as detailed in the Conditions of Contract for this Contract.
 12. **Cosla Policy Position** –Not Applicable.
 13. **Climate Change** – No climate change implications were noted as part of this Contract.

List of Background Papers

none

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