

To: Procurement Sub Committee

On: Wednesday, 9 November 2016

Report by:

**Joint Report
by
The Chief Executive & Director of Community Resources**

Contract Authorisation Report

Street Stuff

1. Summary

- 1.1. The purpose of this report is to seek the approval of the Procurement Sub-Committee to award a contract for the delivery of the “Street Stuff” programme to St Mirren Football Club.
 - 1.2. The “Street Stuff” programme contributes towards realising the vision and aspirations of the Renfrewshire Community Plan, the Council Plan and Renfrewshire’s Tackling Poverty Strategy and is a key community engagement driver for Renfrewshire’s 2021 City of Culture Bid.
 - 1.3. Following consultation with Community Resources and Legal Services, a Request for Negotiation was approved by the Strategic and Commercial Procurement Manager on 21 June 2016 and a negotiated tender process commenced on 1st September 2016.
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2. Recommendations

- 2.1. It is recommended that the Procurement Sub Committee:
 - 2.1.1 Authorise the Head of Corporate Governance to award a contract for the provision of the “Street Stuff” programme to St Mirren Football Club;
 - 2.1.2 The contract shall commence on 1st December 2016 for a period of 48 months until 30 November 2020 with an option to extend for up to a further 12 months until 30 November 2021.
 - 2.1.2 The core funding for the contract shall be £125,000 per annum however the contract value shall remain flexible as additional funding may be secured during the life of the contract to support expanded delivery of the programme.
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3. Background

- 3.1 The “Street Stuff” programme is a multi-award winning youth engagement and diversionary project which has helped reduce youth disorder 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.
- 3.2 The “Street Stuff” programme was borne out of concerns about rising youth offending rates across Renfrewshire. Through targeting specific geographical ‘hot spot’ areas, the programme aimed 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 them.
- 3.3 The service is delivered throughout Renfrewshire in locations which are identified through the Renfrewshire Community Safety Partnership using relevant datasets. These include areas of multiple deprivation supporting the tackling poverty agenda as well as areas with high incidences of youth disorder and anti social behaviour.
- 3.4 The programme actively engages with children and young people, providing a safe environment for them to participate in the programme and facilitating access to appropriate arrangements to meet the physical health and mental health needs of the children and young people who engage with the “Street Stuff” programme.
- 3.5 The service provided by St Mirren football club provides a unique mix of support, coaching, mentoring and encouragement in a neutral way which reduces risks of incidences of anti social behaviour and football associated violence and because of the local location, is accessible to children and young people throughout the community.

- 3.6 An academic study carried out in 2014 recognised the neutrality of St Mirren Football Club as well as the value of the 'badge' as appealing for young people. The club's stadium is located within one of the poorest areas of Renfrewshire and was committed to community involvement. The youth workers and coaches providing the service have formed strong links with the community and the young people attending the project and the coaches are trained in essential areas such as first aid, child protection and suicide awareness.
- 3.7 In addition to the specified services, St Mirren Football Club offer a broad range of additional benefits to the community, directly related to the delivery of this contract, including:
- Supporting Social Work students from the University of the West of Scotland and West College Scotland
 - Provide work experience placements to both higher and further education students
 - Contribute to and support the 'No Knives Better Lives' Campaign
 - Support the council's Culture Buses and key events engaging with young people in collaboration with the City of Culture 2021 bid team
 - Providing vocational training opportunities in Football, Dance and Community Engagement.
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Implications of the Report

1. **Financial** – The financial status of St Mirren Football Club has been assessed by undertaking a Dun and Bradstreet evaluation and it is confirmed that the company have satisfied the Council's requirements in relation to financial stability.
2. **Community Planning** – Delivery of the Street Stuff Programme supports the strategic objectives of "A Better Council, A Better Future" and the Council's aim to achieve improved health, well being and life chances for children and young people in Renfrewshire. The project promotes the objectives of achieving a safer, stronger Renfrewshire, providing a safe environment for children and young people to engage with the service.
3. **Legal** – The services to be provided by St Mirren Football Club Limited under the Street Stuff project have been treated as Social and Other Care Services in terms of the Public Contracts (Scotland) Regulations 2015 and this procurement was conducted on that basis.
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 because for example it is for noting only. 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** – the submission received was assessed by Renfrewshire Council's Health and Safety Officers. The recommended Provider's Health and Safety policy and procedures is considered to meet the necessary requirements.
9. **Procurement** – As detailed in the report, the procurement procedures outlined within this report ensure that the Council meets its statutory requirements in respect of the EU regulatory requirements, the Council Standing Orders Relating to Contracts and the Council's Financial Regulations.
10. **Risk** – Corporate Risk and Insurance colleagues were consulted prior to tender and appropriate levels of insurance agreed. Insurance documents were submitted as part of the negotiated tender process and were evaluated and approved by Corporate Risk / Insurance.
11. **Privacy Impact** – None.

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