

Committee	COUNCIL MEETING
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Update on the Riverside Footbridge project

A sum of £6k has been pledged by BDC to fund exploratory work to be carried out on the footbridge, including that of a structural survey and follow up assessments, in order to enable a contractor to be able to carry out the works to the standard required for sign off and then handover for future maintenance by HTC.

At the last Council meeting the working group reported that five suppliers had been reduced to two but that further information was necessary to recommend a single supplier to Council.

At the recent meeting of the working group Cllr Atkinson explained the follow up work she had undertaken which had enabled the working group to agree on supplier A.

Supplier A: £2,900 (Recommended)

Supplier B: £2,320

The reasons that the working group decided on supplier A are as follows:

- Proven track record of bridge repair projects
- Competitively priced out of the five suppliers (although not the cheapest out of the two remaining suppliers)
- Very responsive to enquiries and very approachable and knowledgeable
- Experience of working with local authorities

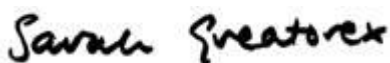
It was considered the above points outweighed the small difference in cost between the two final suppliers.

Supplier details have been circulated to members but will need to be discussed in private session if the members wish to address any part of the recommendation that requires the name or business details of the two shortlisted suppliers.

References have been asked from both of the shortlisted suppliers so as not to delay the project whilst this final part of due diligence is carried out.

Upon the appointment of a supplier BDC will be given all necessary information in order for the grant of finance to be made.

Recommendation: that the Council agrees to appoint supplier A as per the findings of the working group.



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