

APPENDIX 1

Extract of Executive Board Sub Committee Minutes Relevant to the Safer Halton Policy and Performance Board

EXECUTIVE BOARD SUB-COMMITTEE 7th DECEMBER 2006

EBS56 VICTORIA PARK RESTORATION, REPORT ON PATH SURFACING TENDERS

The Board considered a report which outlined the results of the tender for the supply and laying of specialist resin-bound gravel surfaces to Victoria Park's main paths.

Two tenders had been received, however, one tender arrived late and was therefore disqualified. The remaining valid tender from E.B.L. Group in the sum of £97,471.44 was within budget for this element of work and a contract for the work had been entered into in accordance with Standing Orders relating to procurement clause 3.1.

RESOLVED: That in accordance with Standing Orders relating to Procurement Clause 3.2, the Committee note the report for information only, the tender was awarded to E.B.L. Group Limited.

EBS57 EXTENSION OF EXISTING SERVICE LEVEL AGREEMENT WITH MERSEYSIDE ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY SERVICE FOR THE PROVISION OF TECHNICAL ENVIRONMENTAL ADVICE.

The Sub-Committee considered a request for a time extension to a service level agreement between Halton Borough Council and Sefton Metropolitan Borough Council, acting on behalf of Merseyside Environmental Advisory Service (MEAS), for the provision of technical environmental advice in connection with planning matters.

The existing legal agreement for the provision of these services was signed on 9th June 2005 and covered a two-year period from 1st April 2004 to 31st March 2006. The new draft legal agreement would extend this time period for a further two years to 31st March 2008, at an annual cost of £15,000 in financial year 2006/07 and £15,450 in 2007/08.

It had become apparent from previous working with MEAS that they offered good value for money when compared against the charges made by consultants for equivalent services. MEAS were able to draw upon existing local knowledge and technical expertise. Additionally, they also provided advice, on occasion, on behalf of six local authorities, which enabled the cost to be shared between the six rather than borne by an individual authority.

RESOLVED: That the Service Level Agreement between Halton Borough Council and the Merseyside Environmental Advisory Service be extended for two years to cover the period to end of March 2008, at an annual cost of £15,000 in 2006/07 and £15,450 in 2007/08.