

Report to: Cabinet



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Sidmouth Jacobs Ladder Platform, seawall and slipway repairs – Contract above £100k

Report summary:

This report is to seek delegated authority to award the Sidmouth Jacobs Ladder Platform, seawall and slipway repairs to a contractor on the Environment Agency AOMR Framework that EDDC has access to.

Is the proposed decision in accordance with:

Budget Yes No

Policy Framework Yes No

Recommendation:

That Cabinet grant delegated authority to the Director of Place in consultation with the Portfolio Holder Environment Operations and Portfolio Holder Finance to award the contract to the preferred supplier.

Reason for recommendation:

To enable the Assistant Director to award the contract to the preferred supplier following completion of the tender exercise. The delegation will allow the contract to be entered without a further cabinet paper, to ensure programme targets are met.

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Portfolio(s) (check which apply):

- Assets and Economy
- Communications and Democracy
- Council, Corporate and External Engagement
- Culture, Leisure, Sport and Tourism
- Environment - Nature and Climate
- Environment - Operational
- Finance
- Place, Infrastructure and Strategic Planning
- Sustainable Homes and Communities

Equalities impact Low Impact

Climate change High Impact

Risk: High Risk; The seawall and slipway is exposed, and in uneven with lots of steel reinforcement sticking out. Works need to be done ASAP to avoid risk to the public.

Links to background information

Link to [Council Plan](#)

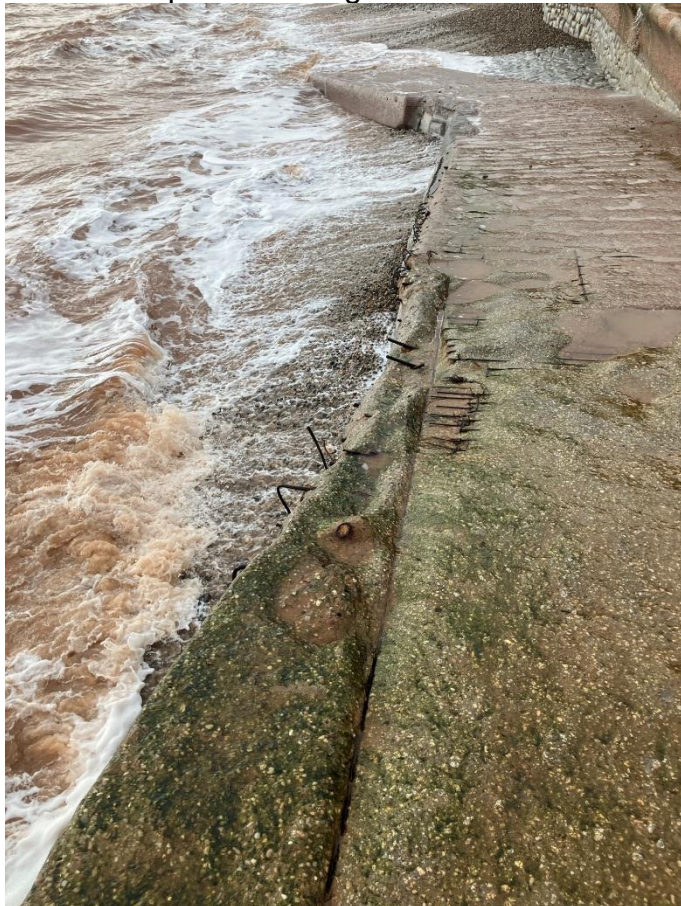
Priorities (check which apply)

- A supported and engaged community
 - Carbon neutrality and ecological recovery
 - Resilient economy that supports local business
 - Financially secure and improving quality of services
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Report in full

1. **Contract with a contractor (yet to be appointed) will exceed £100k.**
 - 1.2. A framework tender has been started via the Environment Agency's Asset Operation Maintenance and Response Framework (AOMR) which East Devon has successfully entered.
 - 1.3. The aim is to have an appointed contractor in place to start on site soon after the Easter weekend.
 - 1.4. The project is to finish works started in 2022, but abandoned part way through following storms on site which covered the working area up with beach. The beach has now lowered and all the hazards are exposed again. Therefore the works need to be completed as soon as possible prior to the summer season.
 - 1.5. Whilst on site, there is a further project to complete on Sidmouth's main seawall, which was not started in 2022 due to covering of the works area by beach. This is now exposed.
 - 1.6. We have remaining budget from the partially completed works of 2022. This totals £116k
 - 1.7. Due to the inefficiencies of partially completing works, as well as construction inflation, we have secured further funding via the BSCAP of up to £120k in the Coastal Maintenance bid that was approved. For the Jacob's ladder area in isolation this is £48k.
 - 1.8. To ensure the contract is signed swiftly to enable construction to start soon after the main Easter break, we request delegated authority be given to the Director of Place in consultation with the Portfolio Holder Environment Operations and Portfolio Holder Finance to award the contract to the preferred supplier.

2. Photo of exposed damaged wall



Financial implications:

As detailed in the report this covered within existing budgets.

Legal implications:

The proposal in this report is to award a contract through a framework agreement that has been procured in accordance with Procurement legislation and which allows direct awards. This is in compliance with the Council's Contract Standing Orders.