

**ITEM 20. CANCELLATION OF TENDER - COMMUNITY CENTRE UPGRADES
- RON WILLIAMS, REGINALD MURPHY AND CLIFF NOBLE**

FILE NO: X001990

TENDER NO: 1554

SUMMARY

This report provides details of the outcome of the public tender for Community Centre Upgrades – Ron Williams, Reginald Murphy and Cliff Noble.

The upgrade works are required at three City-owned community facilities located at 5-11 Kepos Street, Redfern (Ron Williams Community Centre), 24 Suttor Street, Alexandria (Cliff Noble Community Centre) and 19 Greenknowe Avenue, Potts Point (Reginald Murphy Community Centre). The scope of works includes upgrades to kitchen, toilets, reception/office, storage room and public computer facilities. These upgrades to the existing amenities will improve accessibility and provide facilities fit for purpose for staff working onsite and multi-purpose centres for the community.

This report recommends that Council cancel the tender and authorise in accordance with section 55(3)(i) as a result of extenuating circumstances that Council enter into negotiations with suitably qualified contractors for the Community Centre Upgrades – Ron Williams (office and toilet upgrade), Reginald Murphy (refurbishment) and Cliff Noble (upgrade) as no tenders were received at the time of closing.

RECOMMENDATION

It is resolved that:

- (A) Council cancel Tender 1554 for Community Centre Upgrades – Ron Williams, Reginald Murphy and Cliff Noble;
- (B) Council not invite fresh tenders on the basis that it is unlikely a more satisfactory result would be achieved;
- (C) in accordance with section 55(3)(i) of the Local Government Act that due to extenuating circumstances, being the unavailability of tenderers, authority be delegated to the Chief Executive Officer to enter into negotiations and contracts with suitably qualified contractors to undertake the scope of works; and
- (D) Council be informed of the successful contractor by the CEO Update.

ATTACHMENTS

Attachment A: Tender Evaluation Summary (Confidential)

(As Attachment A is confidential, it will be circulated separately from the agenda paper and to Councillors and relevant senior staff only.)

BACKGROUND

1. The Cliff Noble Centre was purpose built in 1965 for over 55's residents and has had minimal non-essential upgrades since this time. The City is required to adapt to the changing demographics and needs of the community and has done this in policy and programs. The centre is now open to all the community and has a youth program operating in the afternoons. The works are to provide essential upgrades to the kitchen and create the opportunity for multiple staff to work onsite.
2. The Reginald Murphy Community Centre hosts educational courses, lunch, meals, and social activities and programs. Community groups can also hire the venue for their own meetings and events. The proposed works include glazing, changes to the toilets and reception/office areas to improve accessibility. The relocation of the office from the front door will activate the reception area. The change will allow internet usage in this area and the main room for two different activities at the same time. Presently, this is not possible.
3. The Ron Williams Community Centre offers a wide range of activities to assist the community keep fit and healthy, while also providing English conversation classes to assist those in the community who are in need of help learning the language. The works to this facility include changes to the toilet, kitchen, office, storage rooms and the provision of public computer facilities.

INVITATION TO TENDER

4. Request for Tenders were advertised in The Daily Telegraph, The Sydney Morning Herald and on the City's eTendering website on Tuesday 6 October 2015. A site visit was held on Thursday 15 October 2015. The tender closed on Wednesday 28 October 2015.

TENDER SUBMISSIONS

5. No submissions were received by the closing date.
6. No late submissions were received.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

7. There are sufficient funds allocated for this project within the current year's capital works budget.

RELEVANT LEGISLATION

8. The tender has been conducted in accordance with the Local Government Act 1993, the Local Government (General) Regulation 2005 and the City's Contracts Policy.
9. Attachment A contains confidential commercial information of the tenderers and details of Council's tender evaluation and contingencies which, if disclosed, would:
 - (a) confer a commercial advantage on a person with whom Council is conducting (or proposes to conduct) business; and
 - (b) prejudice the commercial position of the person who supplied it.

10. Discussion of the matter in an open meeting would, on balance, be contrary to the public interest because it would compromise Council's ability to negotiate fairly and commercially to achieve the best outcome for its ratepayers.

CRITICAL DATES / TIME FRAMES

11. The works were forecast for completion in June 2016.

OPTIONS

12. Council has the following options in regard to this Tender:
- (a) cancel the Tender and re-advertise, which is not recommended as it is considered this will not attract additional submissions; or
 - (b) cancel the Tender and negotiate with suitably qualified contractors with demonstrated capacity to carry out the work and delegate authority to the Chief Executive Officer to enter into a lump sum contract. This option is recommended.

PUBLIC CONSULTATION

13. No public consultation has been undertaken on this project.

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