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TENDER T21/10 - CONSTRUCTION OF CRINGILA HILLS PUMP TRACK, BIKE SKILLS PLAYGROUND AND ASSOCIATED WORKS AND DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION OF A STORMWATER DRAINAGE SYSTEM

In March 2020, Wollongong City Council endorsed the Cringila Hills Recreation Master Plan that focuses on providing new recreational opportunities for residents and visitors to improve the activation of the area. Stage 2A of the Master Plan, the subject of this report, includes construction of an asphalt pump track and mountain bike skills playground. The Master Plan also includes mountain bike and walking trails, a playground, shelter, car parking and other associated facilities supporting the use of the site.

This report recommends acceptance of a tender for the construction of Cringila Hills pump track, bike skills playground and associated works and the design and construction of a stormwater drainage system within the Cringila Hills Recreation Precinct in accordance with the requirements of the Local Government Act 1993 and the Local Government (General) Regulation 2005.

RECOMMENDATION

- 1 In accordance with clause 178(1)(a) of the Local Government (General) Regulation 2005, Council accept the tender of Diverse Civil Contracting Pty Ltd for construction of Cringila Hills pump track, bike skills playground and associated works and design and construction of a stormwater drainage system, in the sum of \$1,592,350.32, excluding GST.
- 2 Council delegate to the General Manager the authority to finalise and execute the contract and any other documentation required to give effect to this resolution.
- 3 Council grant authority for the use of the Common Seal of Council on the contract and any other documentation, should it be required, to give effect to this resolution.

REPORT AUTHORISATIONS

Report of: Glenn Whittaker, Manager Project Delivery

Authorised by: Corey Stoneham, Director Infrastructure and Works [Acting]

ATTACHMENTS

- 1 Location Plan

BACKGROUND

In March 2020, Wollongong City Council endorsed the Cringila Hills Recreational Master Plan that focuses on providing new recreational opportunities for residents and visitors and to activate the area. The key aspects of the endorsed Master Plan include:

- Mountain bike trails
- Formalising the existing walking trail network
- Asphalt pump track
- Mountain bike skills playground
- Car parking area and upgrades to the existing access from Lackawanna Street
- District level playground
- Improvements to the site including park signage, new gates, landscaping, tree planting, picnic shelters, tables and drinking water facilities
- Perimeter controls to limit unauthorised access and anti-social activities

- Suitable management of contamination and illegally dumped wastes.

Stage 2A of the Master Plan, the subject of this report, includes construction of an asphalt pump track and mountain bike skills playground to supplement mountain bike and walking trails currently under construction, as well as the recently completed district level playground and car park. The scope also includes allowances for the suitable management of contamination and illegally dumped wastes discovered within the asphalt pump track and mountain bike skills playground during construction.

Tenders were invited for this project by the open tender method with a close of tenders of 10.00 am on 29 July 2021.

Five (5) tenders were received by the close of tenders and all tenders have been scrutinised and assessed by a Tender Assessment Panel constituted in accordance with Council's Procurement Policies and Procedures and comprising representatives of the Project Delivery, Property and Recreation and Governance and Customer Services Divisions.

The Tender Assessment Panel assessed all tenders in accordance with the following assessment criteria and weightings as set out in the formal tender documents:

Mandatory Criteria

- 1 Satisfactory references from referees for previous projects of similar size and scope
- 2 Financial assessment acceptable to Council which demonstrates the tenderer's financial capacity to undertake the works
- 3 Tenderers have as a minimum a Health and Safety Policy and WHS Management System Manual or Plan
- 4 Tenderers have demonstrated experience in the construction of asphalt pump track and mountain bike skills park

Assessable Criteria

- 1 Cost to Council – 40%
- 2 Appreciation of scope of works and construction methodology – 15%
- 3 Experience and satisfactory performance in undertaking projects of similar size, scope and risk profile, including staff qualifications and experience - 15%
- 4 Proposed sub-contractors – 5%
- 5 Project Schedule – 5%
- 6 Workplace Health and Safety Management System and Environmental Management Policies and Procedures – 10%
- 7 Demonstrated strengthening of local economic capacity – 10%

The mandatory assessment criteria have been met by the recommended tenderer.

The Tender Assessment Panel utilised a weighted scoring method for the assessment of tenders which allocates a numerical score out of 5 in relation to the level of compliance offered by the tenders to each of the assessment criteria as specified in the tender documentation. The method then takes into account pre-determined weightings for each of the assessment criteria which provides for a total score out of 5 to be calculated for each tender. The tender with the highest total score is considered to be the tender that best meets the requirements of the tender documentation in providing best value to Council. Table 1 below summarises the results of the tender assessment and the ranking of tenders.

TABLE 1 – SUMMARY OF TENDER ASSESSMENT

Name of Tenderer	Ranking
Diverse Civil Contracting Pty Ltd	1
Jirgens Civil Pty Ltd	2
Common Ground Trails Pty Ltd	3
Cadifern Civil	NON-CONFORMING
Simpson Landscapes and Consultants Pty Ltd	NON-CONFORMING

PROPOSAL

Council should authorise the engagement of Diverse Civil Contracting Pty Ltd to carry out the construction of the Cringila Hills pump track, bike skills playground and associated works and the design and construction of a stormwater drainage system in accordance with the scope of works and technical specifications developed for the project.

The recommended tenderer has satisfied the Tender Assessment Panel that it is capable of undertaking the works to Council's standards and in accordance with the technical specification.

Contractual conditions have been implemented to achieve an acceptable level of financial risk in relation to the recommended tenderer.

Referees nominated by the recommended tenderer have been contacted by the Tender Assessment Panel and expressed satisfaction with the standard of work and methods of operation undertaken on their behalf.

CONSULTATION AND COMMUNICATION

In 2020, Wollongong was awarded the prestigious UCI Bike City Label, joining the ranks of cities such as Vancouver, Paris, Copenhagen and Glasgow. The recognition comes as we prepare to host the 2022 UCI Road Cycling Championships and begin the rollout of the Wollongong Cycling Strategy 2030. Council has undertaken extensive community engagement regarding a number of cycling initiatives including the expansion of the cycling network, 'pop-up' cycleways, the proposed criterium track and components of the Cringila Hills Recreation Park.

The development of the Cringila Hills Recreation Master Plan enabled Council to engage the community in determining the best recreational outcomes for this site. Council placed the Master Plan on public exhibition between November 2019 and January 2020 and undertook a series of community engagement activities to inform and refine the draft Master Plan. The community feedback noted the overall support for the concepts included in the exhibited Master Plan including some suggestions to refine and improve the overall outcome.

In terms of the tender, consultation occurred with the following:

- 1 Members of the Tender Assessment Panel
- 2 Nominated Referees

PLANNING AND POLICY IMPACT

This report contributes to the delivery of Our Wollongong 2028 goal 5 “We have a healthy community in a liveable city”. It specifically delivers on the following:

Community Strategic Plan	Delivery Program 2018-2022	Operational Plan 2020-21
Strategy	4 Year Action	Operational Plan Actions
5.2.1 Provide a variety of quality public spaces and opportunities for sport, leisure, recreation, learning and cultural activities in the community	5.2.1.3 Use data to assess the current community infrastructure available, community demand and develop a strategic framework and policies to either rationalise, enhance or expand to meet community needs	Implement the key projects identified in the Cringila Hills Recreation Master Plan

RISK ASSESSMENT

The risk in accepting the recommendation of this report is considered low on the basis that the tender process has fully complied with Council’s Procurement Policies and Procedures and the Local Government Act 1993.

The risk of the project works is considered medium based upon Council’s risk assessment matrix and appropriate risk management strategies will be implemented.

SUSTAINABILITY IMPLICATIONS

The following sustainability implications have been considered:

- Sourcing of construction materials from within close proximity to the site where possible
- Localised remediation of areas either known or suspected to be contaminated
- Removal of illegally dumped waste within the construction footprint
- Weed management and revegetation of the construction footprint

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

It is proposed that the total project be funded from the following source/s as identified in the Operational Plan –

2021/22 Capital Budget

The construction of the project is fully funded by grant funding under the following programs:

- NSW Public Spaces Legacy Program
- NSW Resources for Regions
- Community Building Partnerships

CONCLUSION

Diverse Civil Contracting Pty Ltd has submitted an acceptable tender for these works and Council should endorse the recommendations of this report.



