

GENERAL REPORTS

13 LATE ITEM - HILLS HUB CONSTRUCTION

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RECOMMENDATION

That Council:

1. Award the tender for Contract no. 17/46 Hills Hub Construction to MelbCon Pty Ltd for the contract sum of \$6,956,346.00 (excl. GST).
2. Advise tenderers accordingly.
3. Seal is affixed to the relevant contract documents.

Attachments

- 1 Confidential memorandum circulated to councillors only 3 Pages

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This report provides consideration for the appointment of a contractor to construct the new 2 level, 1,500m² Hills Hub building at Emerald, adjoining the existing Emerald Library. The proposed works include the construction of a multi-purpose community hub building to cater for the current and future needs of the wider Hills community and existing tenants, including landscaping.

The tender submitted by MelbCon Pty Ltd meets and complies with the conditions of tender and provides a negotiated contract price that is within budget.

BACKGROUND

The Hills Hub project originated from the long term strategic plan for the Emerald Library / Emerald Mechanic's Institute precinct.

Approximately 12 years ago the new Emerald Library was constructed and a three stage plan was developed identifying the Emerald Mechanic's Institute and former CFA site as the preferred location for a future community hub.

The Project Advisory Committee includes representatives from the Emerald Mechanic's Institute, Emerald U3A and Men's Shed, 3MDR, Eastern Dandenong Project Group, Worrell Reserve Committee, Ward Councillors and representatives from the Emerald, Cockatoo and Gembrook Township Committees. A number of sub-committees have been created including a Communications Committee, an Assessment Committee, Sub-design Group and a Governance and Management Committee.

Tender documents were recently advertised publicly in late October 2017 and closed on 21 November 2017.

The Evaluation Panel consisting of Council Officers and external consultants to the project, evaluated the tenders received and interviewed for further details and clarification. The tender submitted by MelbCon Pty Ltd is recommended by the Evaluation Panel for acceptance.

POLICY IMPLICATIONS

Nil.

RELEVANCE TO COUNCIL PLAN

The construction of the Hills Hub will address the following Council Plan areas:

1. Our People
 - 1.3.3 Support the provision of learning opportunities for all ages and abilities.
 - 1.4.4 Support children, young people, families, older adults and people of all abilities by providing a range of accessible services and facilities.
 - 1.7.1 Implement plans that support people in times of emergency.
2. Our Community
 - 2.1.4 Plan for the provision of facilities to services and support our changing communities.
3. Our Environment
 - 3.1.3 Provide accessible facilities to meet identified community needs.

CONSULTATION/COMMUNICATION

Extensive consultation and engagement has occurred during the life of this project to date. This has included the engaging of the former DEPI and seeking its endorsement, which was provided.

The Advisory Group was formed and relevant sub-committees created to focus on specific components of the project. Approximately 20 community groups and organisations have been met with throughout Emerald and the district, and provided information or participated in the project development.

Community information sessions have been held at Emerald and Gembrook, together with recent distribution of plans and elevations of the proposed design for the Cardinia Hills Hub building for further community engagement.

FINANCIAL AND RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

Funding for this project is made available from:

- \$4,980,870.00 (Council funding)
- \$1,500,000.00 (National Stronger Region Fund)
- \$ 250,000.00 (Eastern Dandenong Ranges Group)
- \$1,500,000.00 (Growing Suburb Funding).

In total \$8,230,870.00 has been provided for the construction of the Hills Hub of which there is sufficient funding in awarding the tender to MelbCon Pty Ltd.

CONCLUSION

It is the Evaluation Panel's recommendation that Council accept the tender submitted by MelbCon Pty Ltd for the construction of the Hills Hub for the contract sum of \$6,956,346.00 (excl. GST).