

Officer Non Key Executive Decision

Relevant Chief Officer (Decision Maker):	Alan Cavill - Director of Communications and Regeneration
Relevant Cabinet Members (for consultation purposes):	Councillor Lynn Williams – Leader of the Council and Cabinet Member for Tourism, Arts and Culture; and Councillor Mark Smith – Cabinet Member for Business, Enterprise and Job Creation
Report Author (Officer name and title):	Lee Frudd, Head of Strategic Leisure Assets
Implementation Date of Decision:	28 November 2022

APPOINTMENT OF BLACKPOOL TOWER STEEL WORK CONTRACTOR

1.0 Purpose of the report:

- 1.1 To obtain appropriate approvals to allow the award of contract to a steel work contractor for works to the Blackpool Tower steel structure, following completion of a tender exercise for these works.

2.0 Recommendation(s):

- 2.1 To approve the award of a contract to a steel work contractor for works to the Blackpool Tower steel structure.

3.0 Reasons for recommendation(s):

- 3.1 In order to ensure continued maintenance and renewal to the Blackpool Tower steel structure.

3.2a Is the recommendation contrary to a plan or strategy adopted or approved by the Council? No

3.2b Is the recommendation in accordance with the Council's approved budget? Yes

3.3 Other alternative options to be considered:

Maintenance and renewal of the Blackpool Tower steel structure is essential in order to sustain the asset.

4.0 Council Priority:

4.1 The relevant Council Priority is: “Maximising growth and opportunity across Blackpool”.

5.0 Background Information

5.1 Blackpool Council recently undertook a procurement exercise in order to identify a suitable Contractor to undertake works to the Grade 1 listed Blackpool Tower steel structure. Completion of this tender has identified Bri-Met Ltd as preferred bidder.

5.2 The initial works to be undertaken through the proposed appointment of Bri-Met form the next scheduled element of renewal under an ongoing programme of works to the region’s most iconic structure, and will help ensure Blackpool Tower continues to operate as one of the nation’s most important visitor attractions.

5.3 The works to be initially undertaken will include the erection of access scaffold to an element of the structure. The works are scheduled to complete during the 2022/23 holiday season.

5.4 Does the information submitted include any exempt information? No

List of Appendices:

Appendix A – Commercially Sensitive Information

6.0 Legal considerations:

6.1 Relevant legal documentation is to be completed should approval to the proposals set out in this report be obtained.

7.0 Human Resources considerations:

7.1 Should the proposals set out in this report be approved, the works will be undertaken by a company local to Blackpool, Bri-Met Ltd.

8.0 Equalities considerations:

8.1 None.

9.0 Financial considerations:

9.1 The tender process undertaken included an evaluation of the price quoted for the initial works required.

10.0 Risk management considerations:

10.1 Risk management considerations will be dealt with through management of the contract.

11.0 Ethical considerations:

11.1 N/A

12.0 Internal/ External Consultation undertaken:

12.1 Consultation regarding this appointment has taken place with advisors including Blackpool Council's appointed structural engineers and the Operator of Blackpool Tower.

13.0 Decision of Chief Officer

13.1 To approve the award of a contract to a steel work contractor for works to the Blackpool Tower steel structure.

14.0 Reasons for the Decision of the Chief Officer

14.1 In order to ensure continued maintenance and renewal to the Blackpool Tower steel structure.