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Planning

Selsey Coastal Scheme Capital Works

Chichester District Council

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Scope

Reference

CDC26594

Description

Selsey is located on the southernmost tip of West Sussex on the Manhood Peninsula, within the jurisdiction of Chichester District Council (CDC). It is around 7 miles South of Chichester and borders Bracklesham Bay to the West and Pagham Harbour to the East.

The Selsey peninsula is an exposed coastline with a long history of managing coastal erosion and tidal flood risk. Selsey is an erosive peninsula and in the past, due to rapid coastal erosion, hard engineered defences were created to protect Selsey from both tidal flooding and erosion. Prior to the construction of the existing sea wall in the 1950's, Selsey was reported as one of the fastest eroding coastlines in England.

The existing hard defences consist of reinforced concrete sea walls of various forms (particularly on the West Beach side) and timber groynes fronted by a highly mobile shingle beach (at East Beach). The hard defences are reaching, or have reached, the end

of their design life. The routine repair and maintenance of coastal defences has become more frequent, as well as increasingly complex and costly, as the defences continue to age and fail.

Chichester District Council has undertaken a successful programme of beach management over the last decade, and Flood and Coastal Erosion Risk Management (FCERM) Grant in Aid (GiA) funding is in place to continue these works till 2027. However, beach management alone does not address the long-term challenges faced which include:

- The increased frequency, magnitude and complexity of the works required to maintain the existing coastal defence structures, as they reach the end of the design lives.
- Predicted sea level rise due to climate change.

There are currently two Shoreline Management Plans which cover this frontage, both of which have adopted a 'Hold the Line' policy. This is supported by the Pagham to East Head Strategy, 2009 which has an adopted policy of Hold the Line via Sustain (maintaining the current level of protection with sea level rise). The Strategy recognised the need to manage coastal erosion and flood risk along the Selsey frontage, its aging defences and also its low priority for national funding at the time. It is the intention that the outcome of this project is to agree and implement a new, updated approach for these plans.

- Since the Strategy there have been changes in guidance, evidence to support understanding, and a change in the funding approach to for FCERM projects. A feasibility study was needed to understand the impacts of these changes, which was completed in 2023.
- The feasibility study confirmed the viability of a major capital scheme for Selsey and supported a successful Flood Defence Grant in Aid (FDGiA) funding application for the options appraisal and outline design phase of the project which commenced in November 2024.
- The primary outputs of the options appraisal and outline design stage are an Outline Business Case (OBC) and an outline design for the scheme. Subject to a successful OBC, the design will then be progressed to developed / planning design, detailed design and all the necessary licences and consents will be sought.
- Given the condition of the current assets the outline design solutions will likely include encapsulating of the existing assets with new structures and capital replacement of existing assets. The size and scale of these works will exceed £50M and be considered a major project.

The project will be delivered in accordance with the Project Lifecycle and HM Treasure

gateways/funding decision points . Funding for the construction phase will be dependent on a successful Full Business Case.

This is an extensive project and will require a number of sub-projects to be commissioned (see scope below) prior to the main construction contract being put in place. Additionally, the project will require extensive market engagement prior to agreeing the scope of work and appointing a supplier to deliver the capital works along the Chichester District coastline.

Total value (estimated)

- £90,000,000 excluding VAT
- £108,000,000 including VAT

Above the relevant threshold

Contract dates (estimated)

- 2 September 2030 to 1 September 2040
- 10 years

Main procurement category

Works

CPV classifications

- 45243500 - Sea defences construction work
- 45243000 - Coastal-defence works

Contract locations

- UKJ27 - West Sussex (South West)

Engagement

Engagement deadline

2 May 2025

Engagement process description

Chichester District Council have secured funding to commence the options appraisal and outline design of a major flood and coastal erosion risk management Scheme for Selsey - the 'Selsey Coastal Scheme'.

To support delivery of the options appraisal and outline design stage we are seeking preliminary market engagement to:

- positively influence the shortlist and preferred options selection;
- seek feedback on proposed options, buildability, programme and sequencing;
- provide cost data for bespoke items and temporary works; and
- provide a high-level phase plan to support the OBC.

The key objectives of the early market engagement are to ensure:

- suppliers have a good understanding of the Scheme and site / delivery constraints and risks;
- we end this project stage with robust outline design options;
- we develop a delivery procurement strategy informed by market feedback; and
- we generate sufficient market interest in the Scheme delivery phase.

Initial engagement with the market is intended to consider options to engage with potential suppliers and to shape and plan the consultation process (based on the above) prior to finalising the project brief.

The market engagement activities will consist of a combination of virtual meetings, in person workshops and site visits. As the early market engagement tasks are technically focused, those participating will need to be suitably experienced in coastal and civil engineering and have practical experience working on projects of this type, scale and nature.

Interested parties should respond to this notice by emailing procurement.clients@hants.gov.uk to register their interest. Please provide contact details for a representative/lead contact that we will contact: company name, contact, email and mobile no.

Submission

Publication date of tender notice (estimated)

1 April 2030

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