

**SHREWSBURY TOWN COUNCIL
POLICY & RESOURCES COMMITTEE
9 FEBRUARY 2026**

Officer: Stuart Farmer (Operations Manager)

Quarry Conservation Management Plan

1. Purpose of Report

To update the Committee on activity on the tender and interview selection process for the Quarry Conservation Management Plan

2. Background

Officers have been tasked with sourcing the suppliers of a Quarry Conservation Management Plan to assist with a long-term plan for projects within the Quarry

3. Tender Process

Tender documents were drawn up and published on 17th November 2025 with a closing date of Monday 12th January, following several requests for an extension of the period it was agreed that this would close on Friday 16th January 2026 due to Christmas close downs for the interested tenderers.

The brief explained that the programme should be completed and the findings reported to Shrewsbury Town Council in December 2026 to help inform any budgetary requirements for the following year.

The evaluation Criteria for selection was based on

- Quality and Clarity of Approach 20%
- Relevant Expertise and Understanding of the Local Context 20%
- Ability to Align with Strategic Town Initiatives and Neighbouring CMPs 20%
- Value For Money 40%

There were 5 submissions that arrived by the deadline, these were named tenderer A – E for anonymity.

4. Selection for Interview

Following a review of the submissions it was decided to take forward 3 submissions for the scores for the submissions were as follows

- Tenderer A – 87.5
- Tenderer B – 90
- Tenderer C – 93
- Tenderer D – 78
- Tenderer E - 60

This resulted in tenderers D and E being removed from the process, tenderers A-C were invited to interview at Livesey House on Friday 6th February 2026

5. Interview Process

The interview was conducted by the following Officers and Councillors

- Helen Ball (Town Clerk)
- Clare Turner (Deputy Town Clerk)
- Stuart Farmer (Operations Manager)
- Danny Powell (Operations Manager)
- Amy Jones (Quarry Operative)
- Cllr Rob Wilson (Council Leader)

Interviews were set out into the following format

- 20 Minutes Presentation
- 10 Minutes Questions Following the Presentation
- 60 Minutes Set Questions

The set Questions were based on the following criteria

- Understand of Quarry Park & Local Context
- Methodology and Quality of Approach
- Flood Risk, Infrastructure & Climate resilience
- Landscape, Trees, Play and Recreation
- Events, Concessions & Economic Role
- Access, Connectivity & Integration
- Stakeholder & Community Engagement
- Delivery, Value for Money & Added Value

Scoring as follows

Criteria	Max Score
Presentation and Questions	15
Set Questions	135
	Total 150

This process resulted in the following scores being awarded by the panel

- Tenderer A – 86/150
- Tenderer B – 86/150
- Tenderer C – 110/150

Tenderer C gave the best value for money they also have a good knowledge of management plans and projects throughout the town to align with. The team that it is proposed to be working on this project have a wealth of knowledge in their specific field and will work collaboratively together to achieve the desired outcomes.

6. Next Steps

The next steps for this project will include instigating an inception meeting with the preferred tenderer to discuss the way forward, this meeting will include Officers and Members again. This will allow the preferred tenderer to begin with their proposals. It is envisaged that this inception meeting will occur at the earliest opportunity for all involved.

RECOMMENDATIONS

- **That the contract be awarded to Tenderer C**
- **That the report be noted**