

**SHREWSBURY TOWN COUNCIL
FINANCE AND GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE
4 DECEMBER 2023**

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Tender Work

Purpose of Report

To receive an update on current tendering works and recently awarded contracts.

Current Live Tender

Christmas Lighting Displays – 3-year period – Closing date 19th January 2024

- **Radbrook Recreation Ground Changing Room Alterations** – closing date 13th October.

Update on other tendering works.

- **Supply of Compact Tractor** – Awaiting Delivery

Update on current works.

Upton Lane Play Area.

The contractor began works on site 20th November with a 3-4 week build programme. Ground conditions have delayed works slightly, works are still aimed to be completed by Christmas with an opening early in the new year to allow ground settling and grass growth through the grass matting.

Radbrook Recreation Ground Pavilion

Tenders have closed for this project, however only two submissions were received and were both over budget, following a further meeting with a preferred tenderer, options are being considered and saving are attempting to be identified however these may not be achievable and a rethink on the project be required.

Kynaston Road Projects

- **Play Area**

The play area installation began in October however due to flooding issues on the site, the installers had to withdraw for the site for a short time. The wetpour contractors are currently on site and RoSPA inspection booked for December the Sixth, once a clean report from RoSPA is received the fencing will be removed from the play area and it will be open for play.

- **Drainage**

The drainage contractor is currently on site after starting on October 30th, this was originally planned for a three-week project however, due once again to weather and ground conditions delays have been unavoidable, the contractor has kept the project informed with progress and the slower progress has meant that less mess and damage has occurred on site. Once the initial drainage has been completed the contractor will return to site in the spring to complete any necessary reinstatements and making good any damage caused to the site

Old Riverbed Project

This project is progressing well with the fencing and boardwalks complete. Gates and trash screen are due to be installed early in the new year when delivered to site. Contractors have now left site until the new year due to delays in delivery of the gates. Walkways around the site are now open for use including the boardwalk and Shrewsbury Town Council staff will monitor the area for any issues or ASB. Once the gates and trash screens are in place an inspection by natural England for the licence before the contractors leave site, this will be repeated before any release of beavers is completed. A face-to-face meeting was held last week to confront any last-minute issues, this was followed by a site meeting involving staff from the contractor, wildlife trust, and Town Council staff, any issues around fencing and pinning down of fencing were addressed by the contractor to the satisfaction of the Wildlife Trust.

Production and Lead Times

Lead times are asked for in tender submissions, but these can only be used for the week or even day of the submittance as they are ever changing, firm dates are often not available until the point of order and even then, they may slip due to production line issues.

The project manager will continue to pursue prompt supply and install dates during projects and will keep ward members up to date when appropriate.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

- (i) The report be noted.