**Sprowston Town Council – Streetlighting Tender 2024**

**STC Clarification #3**

**Clarifications Requested:**

Q.C1. **Financial Scope & Costs Related to Defects:**

* Could you confirm that the allocated funds for Parts 1, 2, and 3 do not include contingency costs for defects or associated works, such as infrastructure upgrades, permitting for works, or rectification of defects identified during inspections? For clarity, are these items considered outside the capital project scope (Parts 1 & 2) and ongoing maintenance (Part 3), requiring separate Council approval?

***A.C1 Funds allocated for Parts 1, 2 and 3 do not include contingency costs.***

***Bids are expected to include for associated works, rectifications and permits that could be reasonably foreseen prior to commencement of works. Costs for all necessary certification and registrations should also be included within the amount of the bid.***

***We do not expect the amount of the bid (Parts 1, 2 or 3) to include a contingency or other allowance for genuinely unforeseen or extraordinary items or works identified during inspection, or that emerge during the course of the replacement project. These may include: significant associated works; significant infrastructure upgrades; significant defect rectification. Costs for any such additional works will be evaluated/approved separately by the Council.***

Q.C2. **Planning Permissions:**

* What specific planning permissions are expected to be obtained (Section 2.7), and who will bear the costs for these applications (e.g., permissions for new lighting profiles or column relocations)?

***A.C2 No specific planning permissions are anticipated. However, should a bid propose activity which inherently requires planning permission we would expect the cost to be included in the bid amount and we would expect the bidder (if successful) to manage the application process for said permission.***

***We do not expect bidding organisations to cover the costs of applying for planning permissions if the need for that permission could not be reasonably foreseen at the time of bidding. Council will bear the cost of applying for these planning permission/s, but the successful tendering organisation will be responsible for managing the application process for the permission/s.***

***As part of the evaluation process for each bid, Council will consider what (if any) additional costs are reasonably likely to be incurred by the bid proposal and if those costs are or are not included within the bid.***

Q.C3.**Service Credits:**

* Could you provide more detail on how service credits for "Service Failures" will be calculated and applied across Parts 1, 2, and 3, and who would be the arbiter for these?

***A.C3 The option for the Council to claim Service Credits from the supplier is intended to protect the Council from unreasonable extra costs incurred arising from the supplier’s failure to deliver the agreed service (see ‘STC Streetlight tender - Standard Terms and Conditions Services\_06.12.24\_v4.1’ for a definition of Service Failure).***

***Without prejudice to section 10. Termination, ‘STC Streetlight tender - Standard Terms and Conditions Services\_06.12.24\_v4.1’; if no financial loss is incurred, Service Credits cannot be claimed.***

***For example; in the case of an agreed three month start-to-finish project duration, we would expect to make savings on our streetlighting electricity costs in month four. If the project were to overrun by one month (i.e. month 4), the Council may wish to claim Service Credits for the difference between the cost of our actual streetlighting electricity expenditure in month 4 and the lower expenditure projected to be realised once the LED lights are operational.***

***In the event of irreconcilable disagreement, Nplaw will be appointed to arbitrate. The cost of arbitration to be shared equally between the supplier and the Council.***

Q.C4. **Environmental Considerations:**

* Are there specific standards or targets for recycling or low-impact disposal of replaced lights and associated materials?

***A.C4. No. We do not have any specific standards or targets in mind.***