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Report of Councillor Richard Cleaver,
Cabinet Member for Property and
Public Engagement

Extension of Stamford Cattle Market Car Park

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Purpose of Report

To seek delegation in order to appoint a contractor to undertake the proposed extension works to the Cattle Market Car Park, Stamford.

Recommendations

That Cabinet approve a delegation to the Deputy Chief Executive and Section 151 Officer in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Property and Public Engagement to appoint a contractor to undertake the extension works at the Cattle Market car park in Stamford.

Decision Information

Is this a Key Decision?	Yes
Does the report contain any exempt or confidential information not for publication?	No
What are the relevant corporate priorities?	Connecting communities Sustainable South Kesteven Enabling economic opportunities
Which wards are impacted?	Stamford St. Marys;

1. Implications

Taking into consideration implications relating to finance and procurement, legal and governance, risk and mitigation, health and safety, diversity and inclusion, safeguarding, staffing, community safety, mental health and wellbeing and the impact on the Council's declaration of a climate change emergency, the following implications have been identified:

Finance and Procurement

- 1.1 An approved capital budget of £550K is in place for these works. In the event the works continue in 2025/26, then a budget carry forward will be requested.

Completed by: Richard Wyles, Deputy Chief Executive and S.151 Officer.

Procurement

- 1.2 Having researched a few frameworks, none of them had many local contractors or looked too large to be competitive. Therefore, with support from Welland, SKDC will conduct an open tender procedure exercise under the Public Contracts Regulations 2015, with JCT as the form of contract.

Completed by: Juan Li Procurement Officer

Legal and Governance

- 1.3 With funding of £550,000 being in place it is highly likely that this would be a Key Decision. Therefore, Cabinet is required to take this decision at this financial threshold.

Completed by: James Welbourn, Democratic Services Manager and Deputy Monitoring Officer

Climate Change

- 1.4 The establishment of additional new car parking for the town may generate more trips and has the potential to increase carbon emissions. The provision of new electric charging points, to complement the existing provision in the town, can support the transition to electric vehicles and reduce direct carbon emissions.

Completed by: Serena Brown, Sustainability and Climate Change Manager

2. Background to the Report

- 2.1. In addition to serving local needs Stamford is one of South Kesteven's key tourist destinations. Given the historic nature of the town centre with many listed buildings, options for parking within the centre of the town are limited and do not support peak visitor numbers.
- 2.2. The town's primary long stay car park is the former Cattle Market site, which is located on the south side of the town, a short walk over the Meadows and the River Welland.
- 2.3. The car park extends to 275 car parking spaces plus a further 15 disabled spaces.
- 2.4. There remains an undeveloped area within the car park, extending to circa one acre. This area has not been used since the former Cattle Market buildings were demolished many years ago and has been identified as being suited to providing additional car parking, with no impact on the historic core of the town. The Council commissioned a car park survey across the District which supports the need for this extension, which will contribute towards the town's economy now and in future years. **APPENDIX ONE – South Kesteven Parking Study Update, Final.**
- 2.5. The Council has commissioned consultants in order to prepare a design for the new car park, together with all supporting technical reports including flood risk and ecology.
- 2.6. The Council's Planning Committee will be considering the application for the extension at its meeting on 7th November 2024. It is proposed that extension will comprise 146 parking spaces, of which eleven will be accessible and there will be the ability to provide a further eight EV Charging Points. **APPENDIX TWO – Proposed Car Park Extension**
- 2.7. A tender and specifications have been prepared and it is intended that the project will go out to tender early November subject to planning permission being granted.
- 2.8. The tender covers the main car park works for which planning approval has been intended. The Tender also makes provision for potential additional works, subject to budget, to create a new bus/coach drop-off bay within the existing car park close to Wotheorpe Road,
- 2.9. The tender for the work is due to go out to the market at the start of November, with the intention of work commencing early in the New Year. The tender process is being undertaken in conjunction with Welland Procurement to ensure that the process is in full compliance with the Council's Contract & Procurement rules.

3. Key Considerations

- 3.1. The vacant land within the Cattle Market site represents the only viable for additional parking on the proposed scale.
- 3.2. Creation of this additional parking will contribute towards supporting the towns economy both now and in the future.
- 3.3. Funding of up to £550,000 is currently in place to deliver this project.

4. Other Options Considered

- 4.1 No other sites of a similar size have been identified.
- 4.2 Do not extend the car park and leave the town with a continued shortage of longer stay parking.

5. Reasons for the Recommendations

- 5.1. Appointing a contractor to undertake the works will enable the Council to achieve the key objective of providing additional long stay car parking for Stamford Town Centre.

6. Consultation

- 6.1. Consultation has been carried out through the public process of the Town Planning Process.

7. Appendices

- 7.1. APPENDIX ONE – South Kesteven Parking Study Update, Final
- 7.2. APPENDIX TWO - Proposed Car Park Extension