

Lucy Perry

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Sent: 11 May 2015 14:19
To: Heaton Kevin; Larissa.G. Reed
Cc: Lucy Perry; Stuart McLeod; Madeline Homer
Subject: RE: Dreamland

Dear Kevin

Thank you for your email, I am pulling together the information regarding the progress report and will send that to you, but the answers to your procurement questions are

- 1) The agent was a TDC member of staff (Estates Surveyor) and she worked with the panel (as described in the report) to assess the bids.
- 2) SHL did not submit a revised tender submission as we were advised by our external lawyers that we could consider their first submission.

I hope this clarifies the situation

Larissa

From: Heaton Kevin [mailto:KHeaton@mdaconsulting.co.uk]
Sent: 11 May 2015 12:00
To: Larissa.G. Reed
Cc: Lucy Perry; Stuart McLeod; Madeline Homer
Subject: Dreamland

Dear Larissa,

I have now received a copy of the procurement report via HLF and have a couple of queries I'd be grateful if you respond to at your earliest convenience:-

1. Under 1.3 you state that "The bids were assessed by the agent (TDC Estates Surveyor)....". Is this GVA and the GVA Report?
2. Under 1.3 you state "We received the expression of interest forms from all of the above candidates, but following legal advice from Trowers and Hamlins, we agreed to consider the **previous tender submission** from Sands Heritage Limited". Could you please elaborate on this comment. Did SHL not submit a revised tender submission for the second procurement exercise?

Also, Lucy and I have reviewed the latest Progress Report submitted prior to last week's meeting and would like to summarise our main concerns/issues as follows:-

1. The project is over budget but there is no information or explanation provided as to how this will be dealt with.
2. Scenic railway – we would like to make it clear that your decision to purchase a second train for the ride is outside of the grant/our approved purposes.
3. Scenic railway – you are reporting a serious overspend in this connection. Can you please provide a detailed explanation of how this has arisen and how is it being managed. Also, we would like to make it clear that your request to fund the overspend from savings in the Rides is currently not accepted by HLF. In this event can you please confirm how you intend to cover the overspend?
4. Construction costs - £277,400 additional landscaping costs. Can we please have a build-up of the additional costs of the LV electrical distribution, water distribution and external works for our approval. (We appreciate these costs are still not finalised but the latest estimates would be fine.

5. Rides – As we stated at the meeting, these are not currently meeting the approved purposes. We need the Council and Trust jointly to agree on how you will best meet those approved purposes. HLF cannot agree to a transfer of funds from this budget to another when the approved purposes are currently not being achieved. Lucy has suggested previously that you should look at restoring the historic rides currently in storage – what is the current position with looking into this? We accept that it could of course be unfeasible/too expensive etc. but we do need to see the analysis, particularly if HLF are being asked to accept that you've failed to meet this part of the grant.
6. Rides – Can you please elaborate on your reference to "historic interpretation". What form will this take and how will it be achieved? We have not received any plans or details of your proposals in this regard. How does this relate to previous reports etc.?
7. Rides – We would like to make it clear that your decision to pay the operator HLF grant money of £150,000 is not agreed to at present.
8. Rides – How will the increase cost of professional fees and additional appointments be funded?
9. Activity etc. – Please can you provide a full breakdown of the costs listed in the report

We realise that this covers a lot of issues, but we welcome your involvement as our main point of contact and liaison with HLF and feel that if we can start to tackle some of these issues directly with you, we can start to make progress on getting some of these outstanding problems resolved.

We are particularly keen to start the reporting process as set out in Lucy's email dated 19th December 2014.

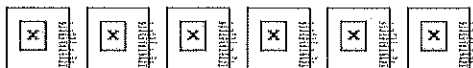
Regards

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