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**MILTON BURN FLOOD PREVENTION SCHEME**

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**1. SUMMARY**

The purpose of this report is to advise on the status of the project.

**2. RECOMMENDATIONS**

That the contents of the report are noted.

**3. DETAILS**

Tenders for the proposed works were received on 1 December 2010. After consideration of the returned tenders, it was determined that acceptance of any of the tenders would leave the Council and wider public with a considerable risk were the appointed contractor to run into construction or financial difficulties. As a result it was decided that none of the returned tenders should be accepted and it is now proposed to proceed with the works in two separate contracts.

The first tender will be for the works in John Street which can be done at a time of the Council's choosing i.e. as soon as due process will allow, and this to be followed by a tender for the walls in the burn itself and the chamber below the supermarket car park. The various details and permissions that were agreed for the combined scheme will need to be checked for the new timescale associated with the separate contracts.

Assuming that there are no issues from any of the affected parties, the project will now proceed on the basis of two contracts and the initial timescale as shown below:-

Item	John Street Pipe	Milton Burn Works
PQQ issued	Jan 2011	Aug 2011 but depends on Morrisons' response
PQQ returned	Feb	Sept
Tenders Issued	Feb	Oct
Tenders returned	April	Nov
Standstill letter issued	April	Nov
Award Contract	April	Dec
Start on site	May	Jan 2012
Completion	Dec 2011	Sept 2012

It has been assumed that the supermarket will sign up for the same deal but 12 months on i.e. entry for January 2012. To date there has been no indication from them yet on this and how this deal is concluded will have a big impact on when the scheme will be completed.

The cost is expected to be at the limit of the existing (£2.3m) budget.

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