COMMUNITY-EMBEDDED TRADITIONAL SKILLS TRAINING PROJECT

Building Identification and Condition Assessment Consultant Services Brief

Tender Clarification Q&A

This document collates clarification questions received throughout the tender process and makes the answers publicly available for all those interested in submitting a proposal.

Q1. How many condition surveys do you expect will be carried out?

A: We have not specified a fixed amount of condition surveys to be undertaken, as part of the work of the Feasibility Study will be to identify the buildings most suited to the delivery phase of the project. We would expect this process to be collaborative, so an initial longlist might be whittled down on the basis of (say) architectural significance, potential impact, viability, owner willingness, to identify a final shortlist of buildings who then undergo the condition assessment and indicative costing for works.

Currently, our working expectation is that the shortlist might comprise (say) 2 smaller buildings, 1-2 medium sized, and 1 larger building that would be tackled towards the end of the delivery phase - but we would like to work with the appointed surveyor to agree the final list.

Q2. Regarding the need to *Identify local buildings of historic significance in need of restoration* – have SHBT (or others) identified any buildings to date?

A: We have some in mind from site visits – mostly those currently on the BARR.

Q3. Regarding the need to *Identify owner and discuss willingness to partake in scheme*, is the expectation of SHBT that this will solely be delivered by the appointed consultant, or is joint working with SHBT envisaged? Has there been any contact made with local owners to get an initial sense of willingness in the town?

A: Joint working is envisaged, we anticipate that this will be a highly collaborative project. Although we have had positive discussions with various local stakeholders and the project has been warmly received, we have not approached individual owners at this stage.

Q4: Is there an opportunity to use the proposed *community consultation events* listed in the Skills Training commission to also reach out to potential property owners to gauge their willingness at an early stage?

A: Yes, absolutely.

Q5: In terms of connection/s to Eyemouth – what is the situation in the absence of contacts in the area?

A: This has been included purposefully due to the 'community embedded' nature of the project. In the absence of direct Eyemouth connections, tenderers might outline 'appreciation of the local context for the project' – so perhaps other Scottish projects, or other projects undertaken in areas facing similar issues of rural depopulation, lack of access to skills training etc, that this project seeks to address.

Deadline for proposals: 4pm, Wednesday 13th November 2024

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