



RECORD OF DECISION TAKEN UNDER DELEGATED POWERS OUTLINED IN THE CONSTITUTION – Part 3 Section 16

DELEGATED OFFICER DECISION TAKEN BY:
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SUBJECT:

Procurement strategy for the appointment of a Project Support Partner on a 3 year contract to provide Project, Cost and Property Management Consultancy Services to support the Growth & Development with the delivery of a variety of projects.

1. DECISION

To approve the proposed procurement strategy for the appointment of Project Support Partner.

2. REASON FOR DECISION

The Council intends to appoint a Project Support Partner, with individual consultant resources appointed on a project-by-project basis using a call-off arrangement, to support Council officers with the delivery of a variety of construction, infrastructure and development projects.

A procurement strategy has been prepared to enable officers to proceed to issue tenders for the Project Support Partner, the details of which are outlined below.

3. BACKGROUND

The Project Support Partner will provide support on a range of projects, as listed below, and will be directed and managed by the Council Project Leads for each call-off commission.

1. M65 Junction 5 Improvement Scheme
2. South East Blackburn Active Travel Scheme
3. Darwen Town Deal Programme
4. Darwen Market Hall Refurbishment
5. King Georges Hall Refurbishment
6. North East Blackburn Strategic Housing Site
7. Blackburn Town Centre – Skills and Education Campus
8. St John's Refurbishment Project

Tenders are invited from suppliers registered on the Crown Commercial Services ("CCS") Construction Professional Services (RM6165) Framework, Lot 2 Urban Regeneration, for the supply of Consultancy Services to Blackburn with Darwen Borough Council.

Tenders will be evaluated on **25% Price, 60% Quality and 15% Social Value** which will ensure sufficient focus is given to choosing a bidder of the right blend of experience and capability.

4. KEY ISSUES AND RISKS

There are several key external grant funded projects (LUF, LUP etc) in progress each of which has its own programme of projects, timescales and milestones. The framework will provide external project resources to supplement and complement in-house expertise to ensure the right capability and capacity is deployed on the projects to meet the project requirements on a project-by-project basis.

5. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

The costs of the consultancy support will be capitalised into the capital funded projects where appropriate and will therefore not cause any additional pressures to our revenue budgets.

The Tender will be competitively tendered via the CCS Framework in line with the Council's constitution and the Public Contracts Regulations 2015 and will be evaluated on 25% Price, 60% Quality and 15% Social Value to ensure the Council receives the most economical advantageous price.

6. LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

The invitation to tender will be advertised through the CCS Framework as a pre-procured framework and is in line with the Public Contracts Regulations 2015. The procurement process will be managed by the Procurement and Contracts Team.


7. OPTIONS CONSIDERED AND REJECTED

Given the estimated value of the contract over the 3 year duration will be up to £500,000, the CCS Framework route is proposed as the most economical advantageous route and to allow the access to experienced project management companies. Other routes including individual tenders on a project specific basis were considered and rejected given the benefits of a more flexible and competitive call off arrangement to the programming of the Growth projects.

8. DECLARATION OF INTEREST

All Declarations of Interest of the officer with delegation and any other officer or Member who has been consulted, and note of any dispensation granted, recorded below.

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BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS:	None

Signed: 	
Officer: Simon Jones	Date: 14 May 2024