



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

DELEGATED OFFICER DECISION Martin Eden
TAKEN BY:
PORTFOLIO AREA: Leisure Culture and Young People

SUBJECT: King Georges Hall Bar Products and Services contract

1. DECISION

To approve the award of a contract to JW Lees Ltd for the supply of bar products and services to King Georges Hall.

2. REASON FOR DECISION

The current contract was due to expire and as a result there was a need to undertake a procurement exercise. The procurement opportunity was advertised in the Official Journal of the European Union (OJEU) and on the Council's e-tendering portal –The Chest. Companies were invited to complete a selection questionnaire and then submit their pricing via an electronic auction to identify the best value for money option. JW Lees Ltd finished in first place following the e-auction.

The proposed contract period is for three years with the option to extend for a further 12 months.

3. BACKGROUND

The principal purpose of the contract is to identify the 'best fit' supplier of all types of alcoholic and non-alcoholic beverages who will play a proactive partnership role in the development of a comprehensive catering service delivery to the wide range of user groups utilising the licensed catering venues of Blackburn with Darwen Council.

The licensed premises owned and operated by Blackburn with Darwen Borough Council constitute a varied commercial portfolio offering a mix of entertainment, conferencing, and catering delivery unique to the North West of England.

King George's Hall has several commercial elements, which combine effectively to promote its position as the cultural and leisure centre of Blackburn.

MAIN HALL – Serviced by 4 bars, the Main Hall can seat 1800 and 2300 standing for a Theatre/Concert event. Events vary from Soul Nights; Cabaret Nights; Trade Fairs; Opera and Classical Concerts through to Rock, Pop and Comedy.

WINDSOR SUITE – Is a popular function and live performance venue (licensed for 750). Serviced by 2 bars, the Windsor Suite provides an ideal function facility for events like the nationally famous Northern Soul Nights and touring bands.

4. OPTIONS CONSIDERED AND REJECTED

Other options considered and rejected:

- 1) Extending the current arrangements. This was rejected because firstly the contract had reached the maximum period allowed under the previous tender. In addition, it was felt there was an opportunity to improve on the current pricing through a competitive procurement exercise.
- 2) The decision to run a traditional sealed bid tender process was also considered and rejected because it was felt running an electronic auction would lead to better pricing.

5. DECLARATION OF INTEREST

All Declarations of Interest of the officer with delegation and the any Member who has been consulted, and note of any dispensation granted should be recorded below:

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CONTACT OFFICER:	Neil Dagnall
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DATE:	12/12/2018
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BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS:	
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Signed: 

Director: Martin Eden	Date: 18 - 12 - 2019
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