

KENT COUNTY COUNCIL – RECORD OF DECISION

DECISION TAKEN BY:

Peter Oakford - Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member for Finance, Corporate and Traded Services

DECISION NO:

24/00031

For publication**Key decision: YES**

Title of Decision: Implementation of a new independent Construction Consultancy Services Framework to support the implementation and delivery of the Capital Works Strategic Programmes.

Decision: As Cabinet Member for Finance, Corporate and Traded Services, I agree to:

1. the implementation of a new independent Construction Consultancy Services Framework to support the delivery of the Capital and Minor Works Programmes over a 6-year (4 year+1+1) contract period and includes the following disciplines:
 - Lot 1 – Multi-discipline (including client delegated duties)
 - Lot 2 – Project Manager (including client delegated Quantity Surveying duties)
 - Lot 3 – Supervisor
 - Lot 4 – Technical Advisor
 - Lot 5 – Construction Design and Management Advisor
2. delegate authority to the Director of Infrastructure, in consultation with the Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member for Finance, Corporate and Traded Services to take relevant actions, including but not limited to, awarding, finalising the terms of and entering into the relevant contracts or other legal agreements, as necessary, to implement the decision.
3. delegate authority to the Director of Infrastructure, in consultation with the Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member for Finance, Corporate and Traded Services to award extensions of contracts for commissioned services in accordance with the extension clauses within the contract (4 years + 2 x 1-year extensions).

Reason(s) for decision:

Kent County Council (KCC) have previously appointed consultants on a project-by-project basis via the Property Services Consultancy Framework to provide professional consultancy services to support construction projects. However, the Framework expired in June 2020 and procurement of such services has since been conducted on a project-by-project basis, tendered or by direct award procurements in-line with Spending the Council's Money Policy and Public Contract Regulations.

The current method of procuring consultancy services is resource intensive and requires a more efficient approach. In addition, KCC need a professional consultancy services framework that aligns to the new construction partnership framework and can support the delivery of the minor works programme.

Cabinet Committee recommendations and other consultation:

The proposed decision was considered by Members of the Policy and Resources Cabinet Committee on 15 May 2024, where the proposed decision was endorsed.

The views of the local members were sought as per the Council's constitution and any comments provided have been reported to the Cabinet Committee meeting and Cabinet Member taking the decision.

Any alternatives considered and rejected:

A range of options were previously presented to the Policy and Resources Cabinet Committee including:

- Option 1 Insource of consultancy provision.
- Option 2 Continuing with current arrangement of tendering/direct award for each requirement.
- Option 3 Establishing a new Construction Consultancy Services Framework

Option 3 was the preferred option as this would provide a pre-qualified framework of consultants to efficiently support the projects procured via the new Construction Consultancy Services Framework and support the delivery of the minor works programme on behalf of KCC.

Any interest declared when the decision was taken and any dispensation granted by the Proper Officer: None.



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signed

7 June 2024

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