

KENT COUNTY COUNCIL - RECORD OF DECISION

DECISION TAKEN BY

Mr P Carter, Leader and Cabinet Member for Business Strategy, Audit and Transformation

DECISION NO.

12/01964

Unrestricted. The decision is accompanied by an 'exempt' report which is not for publication owing to the inclusion within it of information under paragraph 3 of schedule 12a of the Local Government Act 1972

Subject: Procurement of a New Framework for External Property Consultancy Services

Decision:

As Leader and Cabinet Member for Business Strategy, Audit and Transformation, I agree that following the outcome of the procurement exercise the Director of Property and Infrastructure Support be authorised to establish the new framework for Property Consultancy Services and enter contracts with each consultant as required.

Reason(s) for decision:

The existing Consultancy Services Framework through which Property Consultants, including architects, quantity surveyors and mechanical & electrical engineers (among others) can be appointed to work on KCC and other projects expires on 31 March 2013 and will need to be replaced.

The aim of the Framework is to ensure that property consultants who are engaged by KCC staff are chosen on the basis of both quality and cost effectiveness. Without a framework in place to commission these services KCC would need to run individual competitions/ procurements adding time and cost to individual projects. It will also ensure that only approved consultants can be used, and used in a way which adheres to the law and OJEU regulations.

An extensive procurement process is being undertaken to ensure an effective replacement Framework is put in place, and once that process is complete it is proposed that the Director of Property and Infrastructure Support be authorised to agree that framework and enter contracts with each consultant as required.

Cabinet Committee recommendations and other consultation

The Policy & Resources Cabinet Committee, in their meeting of 27 September 2012, noted the current position and endorsed the proposed decision that following the outcome of the procurement process, the Director of Property and Infrastructure Support be authorised to establish the new framework for Property Consultancy Services.

Any alternatives considered:

Not replacing the existing framework would increase the time and cost of individual projects by creating the need to commission these services individually.

Any interest declared when the decision was taken and any dispensation granted by the

Proper Officer:

None

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