

Working with Consortia

To enable smaller organisations to work with the Council and compete for larger projects it is important that we enable them to work with other smaller organisations to combine their resources.

This is applicable to both private sector SMEs and VCS organisations, however the Council needs to manage its risk so we need clear rules on how we address this.

The key issues that need to be considered are the Council can only contract with one organisation, so if a consortium is being proposed prior to contract award the consortia must set its self, up as a formal partnership or joint venture.

The other option is that the Council contract with a lead body who then sub-contract to their partners, we have had issues with this in the past where the lead body has decided not to continue working with its partners post tender.