

KENT COUNTY COUNCIL – RECORD OF DECISION

DECISION TAKEN BY:

David Brazier, Cabinet Member for Highways & Transport

DECISION NO:

21/00075

For publication

Key decision: YES

Subject Matter / Title of Decision: Independent Cost Consultancy Services

Decision:

As Cabinet Member for Highways and Transport, I agree to:

- a) Procure a single supplier agreement to allow independent cost consultancy services to be made available to teams within Growth, Environment and Transport.
- b) Provide the Director of Highways and Transportation with the delegated authority to enter into the appropriate contractual arrangements for the provisions of the Independent Cost Consultancy Services, including future extensions.

Reason(s) for decision:

The Major Capital Programme Team has been using independent cost consultancy services for over 10 years to ensure that costings provided through the design process are realistic, that budgets are robust and to ensure that best value is achieved from highways, transportation, and other civil engineering projects. The cost consultants have also provided support in the preparation of construction contracts and advice on contractual matters.

The Major Capital Programme Team has an existing contract in place which has a value of £900,000 over 4 years and has supported 69 projects to date. The new arrangements will replace the existing contract which expires on 31 March 2022.

Cabinet Committee recommendations and other consultation:

The proposal was considered and endorsed by Members of the Environment and Transport Cabinet Committee at their meeting on 8 September 2021.

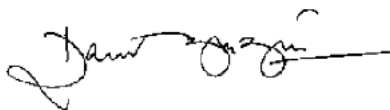
Any alternatives considered and rejected:

The team considered a number of existing frameworks that could be used to access cost consultancy services, but none of these provided contractual arrangements that suited the requirements for the service.

They will also not be available in the time frame required to have a supplier in place for 1st April 2022, which will ensure continuity of service.

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

None



22 September 2021

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