

KENT COUNTY COUNCIL – PROPOSED RECORD OF DECISION

DECISION TAKEN BY

Matthew Balfour, Cabinet Member for Environment and Transport

DECISION NO:

16/00074

For publication

Key decision*

*Affects more than 2 Electoral Divisions
Expenditure over £1m*

Subject: Public Services Vehicle (PSV) Framework

Decision:

As Cabinet Member for Environment and Transport, I give approval to combine the current two PSV supplier lists into one list

Reason(s) for decision:

By consolidating the procurement and contracting processes it is considered that this will offer greater opportunity to package and plan services more efficiently, increase levels of competition and drive down costs.

Cabinet Committee recommendations and other consultation:

Market engagement events with operators were undertaken on the 5th and 7th of July. Feedback was largely positive to both the PSV framework and the proposed lot strategy. Following the market engagement a verbal report was presented to the Strategic Commissioning Board on the 21st July where the Board gave approval to seek a key decision to implement the PSV framework.

Any alternatives considered:

A review of current procurement processes considered a number of different options:

Option 1: Standard contracts through Open/ Restricted procedures – Rejected as under this option, there will be a need for continuous full procurements being carried out which will require intensive staffing resources and would not support the requirement for more rapid procurement.

Option 2: Single Provider Framework contract – Rejected as under this option, as analysis shows this approach is not favoured in the current market

Option 3: Multiple Provider Framework contract (split by geographical or service lots)– Rejected as under this option, the high volume of contracts, time-sensitivity, service types and market composition would mitigate against realising the potential benefits of managing a fewer number of suppliers

Option 4: Dynamic Purchasing System (DPS) - Preferred option. This option allows for a completely electronic process that ensures all tenders offered are open to all suppliers that satisfy the selection criteria supporting objectives to increase competition, particularly amongst SMEs and for more rapid procurement.

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

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