

HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

Decision Report

Decision Maker:	Executive Member for Environment and Transport
Date:	23 March 2017
Title:	Provision of technical services to authorities using the Strategic Partner Contract
Reference:	8203
Report From:	Director of Economy, Transport and Environment

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1. Executive Summary

- 1.1 In order to assist the County Council with the delivery of capital and revenue projects, the County Council entered into three Strategic Partner Contracts in April 2014 for the provision of Professional Services for the Built Environment. The Contracts were divided into three Lots - Lots 1 and 2 are primarily designed for design, supervision and cost management of building projects, but Lot 3 specifically caters for multi-disciplinary highways, transportation development and management services, with the management of the contract being delegated to the Economy, Transport and Environment Department.
- 1.2 Under the provisions of the Strategic Partner Contract, services may be delivered to County, Unitary, District and Borough Councils as named within the Official Journal of the European Union (OJEU) notice. This report seeks authority for the County Council to enter into arrangements with these named authorities as and when deemed appropriate.

2. Contextual information

- 2.1 In order to stimulate economic development, and in fulfilment of its role as statutory provider and highways authority, the County Council requires access to construction management services for the built environment. Although a large percentage of service provision is delivered 'in-house', the demand upon such technical services requires engagement of external technical and engineering resources. Two resource streams are available to the County Council – a Technical Resources Framework (TRF) on the one hand, and on the other the Strategic Partner Contracts for the provision of Professional Services for the Built Environment (SPP). SPP is divided into three lots, with Lot 3 specifically catering for multi-disciplinary highways, transportation development, and management services. Management of the

Lot 3 contract is undertaken by the Economy, Transport and Environment Department, whereas Lots 1 and 2 are managed by the Culture, Communities, and Business Services Department.

- 2.2 One of the objectives of the Strategic Partner Contracts is to pioneer innovative public sector shared service arrangements to deliver demonstrable benefits to both the County Council and other authorities. These arrangements allow authorities to engage services and resources to provide capacity and skills, and allow operation of best practice with delivery of construction based activities.
- 2.3 All three lots were reviewed by the Buildings, Land and Procurement Panel on 19 March 2013, and approval to procure and spend was made by the Executive Member for Policy and Resources on 18 April 2013.
- 2.4 Included within the Lots at paragraph 5.04 is the ability for the Strategic Supplier to provide services via the Contracting Authority (the County Council) to authorities named in the OJEU Contract Notice.
- 2.5 Under these arrangements, the County Council will remain the Contracting Authority with service provision being delivered through an agreement with the respective authorities. Approval is sought by the Executive Member for Environment and Transport to enter into such arrangements for Lot 3 with the authorities named within the OJEU Contract Notice, with such arrangements to be implemented at an appropriate juncture by the Director for Economy, Transport and Environment.

3. Recommendations

- 3.1 That the Executive Member for Environment and Transport provides authority for the County Council, as the Contracting Authority, to enter into agreements with the authorities named within the OJEU Contract Notice for the "Strategic Partner Contract for the Provision of Professional Services for the Built Environment", in order to provide those authorities with the services detailed in Lot 3 of that contract, as referenced in section 2 of this report.
- 3.2 That the Executive Member for Environment and Transport provides delegated authority to the Director of Economy, Transport and Environment, in consultation with the Head of Legal Services, to negotiate and complete the necessary legal agreements for the Strategic Supplier to provide services via the County Council to the authorities named in the OJEU Contract Notice, as and when required.

CORPORATE OR LEGAL INFORMATION:**Links to the Corporate Strategy**

Hampshire safer and more secure for all:	yes
Corporate Improvement plan link number (if appropriate):	
Maximising well-being:	yes
Corporate Improvement plan link number (if appropriate):	
Enhancing our quality of place:	yes
Corporate Improvement plan link number (if appropriate):	

Other Significant Links

Links to previous Member decisions:		
<u>Title</u> Corporate Procurement Update and Corporate Procurement and County Supplies Contracting Activity and Approvals for 2013/14	<u>Reference</u> 4567	<u>Date</u> 18 April 2013
Direct links to specific legislation or Government Directives		
<u>Title</u>	<u>Date</u>	

Section 100 D - Local Government Act 1972 - background documents

The following documents discuss facts or matters on which this report, or an important part of it, is based and have been relied upon to a material extent in the preparation of this report. (NB: the list excludes published works and any documents which disclose exempt or confidential information as defined in the Act.)

<u>Document</u>	<u>Location</u>
None	

IMPACT ASSESSMENTS:

1. Equality Duty

1.1. The County Council has a duty under Section 149 of the Equality Act 2010 ('the Act') to have due regard in the exercise of its functions to the need to:

- Eliminate discrimination, harassment and victimisation and any other conduct prohibited under the Act;
- Advance equality of opportunity between persons who share a relevant protected characteristic (age, disability, gender reassignment, pregnancy and maternity, race, religion or belief, gender and sexual orientation) and those who do not share it;
- Foster good relations between persons who share a relevant protected characteristic and persons who do not share it.

Due regard in this context involves having due regard in particular to:

- a) The need to remove or minimise disadvantages suffered by persons sharing a relevant characteristic connected to that characteristic;
- b) Take steps to meet the needs of persons sharing a relevant protected characteristic different from the needs of persons who do not share it;
- c) Encourage persons sharing a relevant protected characteristic to participate in public life or in any other activity which participation by such persons is disproportionately low.

1.2. Equalities Impact Assessment:

This report sets out the County Council's arrangements for the delivery of highways and transportation services. The proposed changes to these arrangements will not amend the existing approach to assessing and mitigating impacts upon people with protected characteristics.

2. Impact on Crime and Disorder:

2.1. No significant impact.

3. Climate Change:

3.1. How does what is being proposed impact on our carbon footprint / energy consumption?

No significant impact.

3.2. How does what is being proposed consider the need to adapt to climate change, and be resilient to its longer term impacts?

No significant impact.