

## HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

### Officer Decision Record

<b>Decision Maker:</b>	<i>Felicity Roe</i>
<b>Title:</b>	Manydown, Basingstoke – Extension to Consultant Commission

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#### 1. The decision:

- 1.1. That the Director (Culture, Communities and Business Services) approve the extension of the appointment under Regulation 72 of the Public Contract Regulations (2015) of the multi-disciplinary planning and design consultant Tibbalds Campbell Reith JV in order to complete their commission in relation to the Manydown site in Basingstoke, in accordance with delegation afforded under Standing Orders.

#### 2. Reason(s) for the decision:

- 2.1. In July 2015, Tibbalds Campbell Reith JV was appointed under the Homes & Communities Agency Multidisciplinary Framework to undertake consultancy services on behalf of the County Council to secure an outline planning permission for the Manydown site. The consultant has led on the preparation and submission of the outline planning application and associated Environmental Statement submitted in March 2017. The initial commission was for £2,080,444.50 and ran until 31<sup>st</sup> March 2020. Approval to procure a multidisciplinary consultant team was granted by the Executive Member for Policy and Resources at its meeting in December 2014 (decision 6125) on the recommendation of BLAPP in October 2014 (decision 6123) which identified a pre-tender estimate in the region of £3 million for the proposed commission.
- 2.2. Subsequent delays to programme have arisen, particularly in respect of transport aspects of the project and also in the aligning the development proposals with the County Council's preferred bidder, Urban & Civic. Contract extensions of £337,000 and £315,000 were approved in 2018 and 2019 respectively, in accordance with delegations afforded under Standing

Orders (and approved by the Assistant Director – Property and Facilities) and within approved revenue budgets for Strategic Land.

2.3. Following further public consultation in December 2019, the Local Planning Authority (Basingstoke and Deane Borough Council) has programmed a Development Control Committee date for 24 March 2020 and work on the Section 106 agreement is progressing and likely to continue through to September 2020 assuming a positive resolution to grant planning is secured.

2.4. This request represents a third extension to the commission to cover the following activities:

- Finalisation of the transport assessment, updates to the Environmental Statement and engagement with the Local Planning Authority and consultees
- Pre- and post-committee tasks, including review of draft planning conditions and committee report
- Planning lead for the Section 106 agreement
- Updates to site-wide ecology surveys.

2.5. The request is also to extend the contract end date for up to 12 months (to 31<sup>st</sup> March 2021) to allow for flexibility to finalise the Section 106 agreement.

2.6. The value of the modification is up to £545,000 of consultancy services as detailed above, resulting in a total contract sum of £3,277,444.50. The total value of the modification falls within the 50% threshold allowed under procurement regulations. The cost of the overall commission is met from the Strategic Land Budget, with an agreement in place to share costs with our project partner, Basingstoke and Deane Borough Council. 50% of planning promotion costs can eventually be offset against the land price to be negotiated with the freeholder, the Manydown Company, following receipt of planning permission.

### **3. Other options considered and rejected:**

3.1. In the absence of the requested extension, it would be necessary to procure alternative consultant capacity – this would likely be a team without any knowledge of the project(s) and result in reduced understanding and probable delay(s) on the project. The extension to the commission comes with a low procurement risk of challenge from other consultant providers and is the most pragmatic option in the circumstances.

### **4. Conflicts of interest:**

4.1. Conflict of interest declared by an Executive Member who is consulted by the officer which relates to the decision:

None.

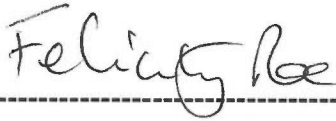
**5. Dispensation granted by the Head of Paid Service:**

5.1 None.

**6. Supporting information:**

Regulation 72 request form.

**Approved by:**

  
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**Date:**

18/03/2020

18 March 2020

**Felicity Roe**  
**Director (Culture, Communities and Business Services)**