



DECISION OF THE DIRECTOR OF DEVELOPMENT & ENVIRONMENT

DECISION NO. 16/17 DE 240

SUBJECT: STRATEGIC FLOOD SOLUTION PROFESSIONAL SERVICES SUPPORT CONTRACT – CONTRACT STANDING ORDER EXEMPTION

Background

To support strategic growth across the district, North Somerset Council has led the development and delivery of the Strategic Flood Solution project to enable development at Weston Villages and Parklands. North Somerset Council has delivered this project on behalf of the developers within this area as a strategic approach to flood mitigation was required and the works needed to be delivered in advance of the wider development. This works is being funded in advance by the LEP through the Revolving Infrastructure Fund and will subsequently be repaid through S106 receipts from developments.

The previous commission with Royal Haskoning DHV to deliver this work is nearing contract completion with the stated objectives met in delivering the infrastructure. Planning applications for these developments are likely to be brought forward over the next five years. Periodically some professional services advice will be required to support developers in preparing their planning applications and answering their technical queries relating to the interface between their site drainage strategies and the strategic flood solution. Due to the nature of advice required and the specialist modelling software needed a contract for this professional services support will be let by the Council.

Decision

To award the strategic flood solution professional services support contract to Royal Haskoning DHV and exempt this purchase under Section 5.2.9 of the Contract Standing Orders:

5.2.9 Where there is no effective competition for the goods, services or works in question because payment is fixed under statutory authority or is of such a specialist nature that there is effectively only one supplier.

Reasons

The advice sought is of a specialist nature and requires specialist software and prior knowledge of the design and development of the scheme. Whilst there are other suppliers

who have the necessary capability to undertake the work they do not have knowledge of the scheme that has been implemented. Royal Haskoning DHV have worked on this project since 2007 and therefore have a significant knowledge of this scheme and it would not cost-effective for an alternative supplier to develop this background understanding.

Other Alternatives Considered

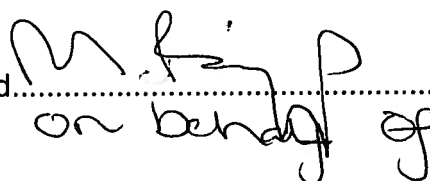
This work cannot be delivered directly by Council Officers due to the specialist software required to answer queries. Consideration was given to the use of alternative suppliers, but was discounted for the reasons outlined above.

Financial Implications

The value of this decision will be £30,000 over approximately five years. This will be funded through S106 contributions from development at Weston Villages and Parklands. This expenditure does not have any impact on the revenue budget.

Implications for Future Years

This contract is for five years with funding allocated from S106 receipts from developments at Weston Villages and Parklands.

Signed  Director for Development & Environment
on behalf of
Dated 23/12/16