

DECISION OF COUNCILLOR ELFAN AP REES

THE EXECUTIVE MEMBER FOR STRATEGIC PLANNING, HIGHWAYS, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND HOUSING.

WITH ADVICE FROM THE DIRECTOR OF DEVELOPMENT AND ENVIRONMENT

DECISION NO 17/18 DE 83 – AMENDMENT TO 16/17 DE 295

SUBJECT: Award of Bikeability Contract (children's cycle training)

Background:

North Somerset Council has provided Bikeability services since 2008 and this has been contracted on an annual basis subject to Department for Transport (DfT) funding. Nearly 5,500 children have been trained since 1 April 2013 across Bikeability Level 1 (off-road cycle skills), Level 2 (on-road cycle training for primary schools), Level 3 (on-road cycle training for secondary schools), and since September 2016 we have offered Bikeability Fix (cycle maintenance) and Bikeability Balance (learning to ride with use of balance bikes). The current contracts expire on 31 March 2017.

In May 2016, Executive Member approval was granted (Decision No 16/17 01) to bid to the DfT for North Somerset Council Sustainable and Road Safety Team for Bikeability Training places; this was a competitive process.

The bid for 1 April 2017 – 31 March 2020 was for: £208,360 NSC match-funding was agreed: £27,500

In the competitive process, NSC was awarded: £201,471

On confirmation of places awarded for the financial years 2017-2020, a procurement exercise was held. Approval from the Director of Development and Environment for the Price / Quality model was obtained (16/17 DE 227).

DECISION:

To appoint:

Sole Cycling Ltd to deliver:

Lot 1 – Bikeability Levels 1, 2 and 1/2 combined

Lot 3 – Bikeablity Balance

Life Cycle UK to deliver:

Lot 2 – Bikeability Level 3 and Bikeability Fix

Contracts will be awarded for one financial year, with the option to extend twice, each for one additional financial year

	201	7/18	2018/19		2019/20		Total
	DfT Grant	NSC Match	Dft Grant	NSC Match	Dft Grant	NSC Match	
Lot 1	£46,550	£5,950	£47,679	£5,035	£49,327	£4,283	£158,824
Lot 2	£11,830	-	£13,324	-	£14,164	-	£39,318
Lot 3	£5,000	-	£5,740	-	£6,600	-	£17,340
TOTAL	£63,380	£5,950	£66,743	£5,035	£70,091	£4,283	£215,482

The competitive tendering process has led to £1,257 unallocated DfT funding for Year 3, however, we will work within the DfT funding guidelines and with our contractors to ensure complete budget spend as we move through the contract.

Reasons:

Seven expressions of interest were received on the 'Supplying the South West' Portal and three of these converted to bids which were appraised.

LOT 1

Tenderer	Weighted Quality Score (%)	Weighte d Price Score (%)	Total Weighted Score %	RANKING LOT 1
Deris Pharmahealth	16%	33%	48%	3
Life Cycle UK	48%	13%	61%	2
Sole Cycling Ltd	39%	26%	65%	1

LOT 2

Tenderer	Weighted Quality Score (%)	Weighte d Price Score (%)	Total Weighted Score %	RANKING LOT 2
Deris Pharmahealth	17%	19%	36%	3
Life Cycle UK	48%	50%	98%	1
Sole Cycling Ltd	38%	50%	88%	2

LOT 3

Tenderer	Weighted Quality Score (%)	Weighte d Price Score (%)	Total Weighted Score %	RANKING LOT 3
Deris Pharmahealth	13%	50%	63%	2
Life Cycle UK	0%			
Sole Cycling Ltd	22%	50%	72%	1

The costs of delivering the training from 2017-2020 are:

LOT 1

Bikeability Training Element	Places	DfT Funding	NSC Match- Funding	Total
Level 1	1,972	£9,860	£1,972	£11,832
Level 1/2	3,324	£106,368	£13,296	£119,664
Level 2	854	£27,328	£0	£27,328
TOTAL AWAR	£158,824			

LOT 2

Bikeability Training Element	Places	DfT Funding	NSC Match- Funding	Total
Level 3	1,164	£37,248	£0	£37,248
Fix	115	£2,070	£0	£2,070

TOTAL AWARD	£39,318
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LOT 3

Bikeability Training Element	Places	DfT Funding	NSC Match- Funding	Total	Parent / School Match- Funding*
Balance	1734	£17,340	£0	£17,340	£17,340
TOTAL AWAR	RD		£17,340		

^{*} Responsibility of the contractor to collect

Overall Total Costs

DfT Grant Awarded: £200,214
Indicative NSC Match-Funding: £15,268
Parent / School Match-Funding: £17,340
Currently unallocated DfT Funding for Year 3: £1,257

(tenders received were under the DfT

allocation)

Other Alternatives Considered:

None other than we have retained the option to cancel the contract at the end of Year 1 or Year 2.

Risk Assessment:

Risk Threat / Opportunity	Likelihood (1-4)	Impact (1-4)	Inherent Risk Score	Risk Control Measures	Likelihood Reduction	Impact Reduction	Residual Risk Score	Risk Owner
Schools do not take up the offer of training	1	4	4	Publicise to other than School Management Team eg parents; run holiday courses	1	2	2	STARS / H&T
Contractor fails to deliver the number of places in their bid or pulls out of the agreement	2	4	8	Monthly monitoring; forward progress plans; liaison meetings; discussion with other contractors to deliver extra places. Contract awarded annually (with max two 1-year	1	2	2	STARS / H&T

				extensions				
Insufficient places available for demand	3	1	3	Bid for any additional funds when funding streams are announced; prioritise schools actively involved in sustainable travel; use additional Speedchoice Funding.	1	1	1	STARS / H&T
Lack of NSC staff to manage the programme	2	4	8	Prioritise area of work and ensure contractors provide information in a timely & professional manner	1	3	3	STARS / H&T

Levels 1-4 – low risk; Levels 5-8 medium risk; 9-12 high risk

Financial Implications:

The decision is to be funded from an additional grant (Department for Transport (administered through the transport consultancy Steer Davies Gleave)) of £201,471, plus a virement of £15,268 from Speedchoice Funding (claimed quarterly in arrears from Avon and Somerset Constabulary and held in reserve for road safety activity), and the Directorate is not projected to be overspent and the work is in line with the corporate priorities including the draft Road Safety Strategy.

Implications for Future Years:

The DfT has only announced funding until March 2020. Another funding stream may then be announced for training to continue, otherwise NSC will have to look at other models for providing the training which may include charging for the service.

Signed Highways, Economic Development and	The Executive Member for Strategic Planning, Housing
Dated	
Confirmation of Advice Given	
Signed	Director of Development & Environment
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