

**NORTH SOMERSET COUNCIL
DECISION**

DECISION OF THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE AND DIRECTOR OF
CORPORATE SERVICES



DECISION NO: CSD 28

SUBJECT: Provision of Specialist Asset Management Advice and support to ensure the delivery of the North Somerset Council One Public Estate Asset Delivery Plan

BACKGROUND:

The Council has been successful in its Expression of Interest to join the One Public Estate Programme and has been awarded a grant of £35,000 to deliver an Asset Delivery Plan by the end of July 2016 as a second phase of programme entry.

The Council has made extensive use of National Framework Contracts for projects and services since 2009.

The services required to support the delivery of the North Somerset Council One Public Estate Asset Delivery Plan are available via the Crown Commercial Services Estates Professional Services Framework RM928, for which the Council has Section 151 Officer approval to use.

This detailed and specialist work is also required to ensure that compliance with the Council's Contract Standing Orders is in place.

This report therefore proposes a recommendation for a Directors Decision to award a contract order under the Crown Commercial Services Estates Professional Services Framework RM928.

Proposed Action

It is proposed to place a formal direct order with the Crown Commercial Services Estates Professional Services Framework RM928 provider Cushman & Wakefield (DTZ) for the provision of these services.

It is proposed that the contract order is placed within the financial limits of the approved grant in the value of **£17,650** excluding VAT.

It is anticipated that the Council will benefit from this specialist resource which ensures that the Asset Delivery Plan prepared, has the best opportunity for successful entry onto the OPE Programme. The costs will be met from within the grant awarded by HM Government.

DECISION:

To placing a contract order for specialist asset management advice from Cushman & Wakefield (DTZ) to support the North Somerset Council "One Public Estate" Asset Delivery Plan submission.

Reasons:

To allow the submission of the Asset Delivery Plan specialist Asset Management support is required at short notice and ensure that the plan is submitted by the end of July 2016, as required by Cabinet Office.

Other Alternatives Considered:


Other options are available but none will provide the speed and efficiency required to respond to the project timescales. There were no alternatives considered to be worth pursuing further, as they did not demonstrate a capability to respond in the time frame.

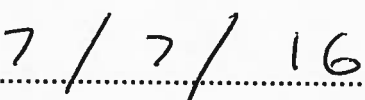
Financial Implications:

The costs of the commission are within the approved grant received.

Implications for Future Years:

None

Signed : 

Dated: 

Mike Jackson
(Chief Executive and Director of Corporate Services)