

## **The Vale of Glamorgan Council**

### **Cabinet Meeting: 28 November, 2016**

### **Report of the Cabinet Member for Regeneration and Education**

### **Procurement of multi-disciplinary consultancy Services for 21st Century Schools (Band B) and other property projects**

#### **Purpose of the Report**

1. To advise Cabinet of a proposed contract for the provision of multi-disciplinary consultancy Services.

#### **Recommendation**

1. That the contract is awarded on the basis of the most economically advantageous tender the details of which are the subject of a Part II report which follows later on in this agenda.

#### **Reason for the Recommendation**

1. To allow the matter to be dealt with under Part II.

#### **Background**

2. The Council has recently undertaken a mini-competition under the National Procurement Services Framework Agreement. The purpose of this exercise was to appoint a multi-disciplinary consultancy to assist with the development of Band B of the 21st Century Schools programme as well as supplying relevant consultancy expertise on other key projects identified within the Council's property portfolio as and when required.
3. Five consultancy firms responded to the tender and their bids have been evaluated. The evaluation processes has identified a clear winner on the basis of a 70/30 split of cost and quality.

#### **Resource Implications (Financial and Employment)**

4. The award of this contract under the new NPS Framework Agreement will be in line with allocated budgets.
5. Further details of the resource implications are contained with the part II report on this agenda.

## **Sustainability and Climate Change Implications**

6. New build elements of the scheme will meet BREEAM excellent rating significantly reducing the running costs and carbon emissions arising from the building.

## **Legal Implications (to Include Human Rights Implications)**

7. The Council will need to enter into a call-off contract under the terms and conditions of the NPS Framework Agreement which has been developed by NPS and agreed by the Welsh Government. The call-off contract under this Framework means the NEC Professional Services Contract April 2013 including any additional clauses specified in the Invitation to Tender.
8. It is understood that the NPS Framework Agreement is compliant with EU procurement law and the call-off process under the Framework Agreement has been followed. Further, the procurement is in accordance with the Council's Contract Procedure Rules and Procurement Code of Practice.

## **Crime and Disorder Implications**

9. There are no crime and disorder implications for this report.

## **Equal Opportunities Implications (to include Welsh Language issues)**

10. There are no Equal Opportunities implications for this report.

## **Corporate/Service Objectives**

11. This project comes under the priority objective 5: Raising overall standards of achievement by developing a new school modernisation programme in readiness for the next 21st Century schools funding due to commence in 2019/20.

## **Policy Framework and Budget**

12. This is a matter for executive decision.

## **Consultation (including Ward Member Consultation)**

13. No ward member consultation has taken place, however the Cabinet Member for Regeneration and Education has been consulted and is in agreement with this proposal.

## **Relevant Scrutiny Committee**

14. Corporate Performance and Resources Scrutiny Committee.

## **Background Papers**

None

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