

## **Variation in order of business.**

**2** In terms of Standing Order No 6, the committee agreed to vary the order of business as hereinafter minuted.

## **Provision of external legal services – Award of framework approved.**

**3** There was submitted a report by the Director of Legal and Administration regarding tenders received to be appointed to the framework agreement for the provision of external legal services, advising that

- (1) the Council's anticipated spend for the provision of external legal services was £2m over the 4 years of the framework;
- (2) the Council's Legal Services has its own in-house expertise across a wide range of specialist legal areas offering best value in those areas, therefore external legal advice would only be required to complement the Council's in-house services;
- (3) the contract, to be utilised primarily by Legal Services would commence on 9th April 2025; and
- (4) of the 25 suppliers who had expressed an interest, 10 had submitted a bid and following an evaluation it was recommended the framework be awarded over 6 Lots to the suppliers detailed in the report.

After consideration, the committee approved the award of a framework agreement for the provision of external legal services at an estimated annual contract value for the Council of £500,000 to:-

- (a) Lot 1 – Employment:-  
Harper Macleod LLP (SO300331)  
Thorntons Law LLP (SO300381)  
Brodies LLP (SO300334)
- (b) Lot 2 – Corporate:-  
Morton Fraser MacRoberts (SO300472)  
Harper Macleod LLP (SO300331)  
Brodies LLP (SO300334)  
Sheppard and Wedderburn (SO300895)  
Anderson Strathern LLP (SO301485)
- (c) Lot 3 – General Litigation:-  
Harper Macleod LLP (SO300331)  
Morton Fraser MacRoberts (SO300472)  
Brodies LLP (SO300334)
- (d) Lot 4 – Children and Families:-  
JK Cameron

Harper Macleod LLP (SO300331)  
Brodies LLP (SO300334)

- (e) Lot 5 – Property:-  
Harper Macleod LLP (SO300331)  
Brodies LLP (SO300334)  
Sheppard and Wedderburn (SO300895)  
Thorntons Law LLP (SO300381)  
Anderson Strathern LLP (SO301485)
- (f) Lot 6 – Construction:-  
Harper Macleod LLP (SO300331)  
DWF LLP (OC328794)  
CMS Cameron McKenna Nabarro Olswang LLP (OC310335)