



Glasgow City Council

Contracts & Property Committee

Report by Director of Legal and Administration

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**The Provision of Consultancy Design Services for Paisley Road West Bus
Priority Proposals Riba Stage 1-2 (Work Package 2)**

Tender Reference: GCC006533CPU

Purpose of Report:

To submit details of the tenders received for the provision of consultancy design services for Paisley Road West bus priority proposals Riba stage 1-2 (work package 2) and recommend acceptance of the most economically advantageous tender as detailed in this report.

Recommendations:

The Contracts and Property Committee is requested to approve the award of a contract for the provision of consultancy design services for Paisley Road West bus priority proposals Riba stage 1-2 (work package 1) to the consultancy listed below.

Aecom Limited
Companies House Number: 01846493

Ward No(s): 4,5,6,8,10

Citywide:

Local member(s) advised: Yes ☐ No ☐ consulted: Yes ☐ No ☐

1 Background and Tender

- 1.1 Glasgow City Council's ("the council's") budget for the provision of consultancy design services for the Paisley Road bus priority proposals (RIBA Stages 1–2, Work Package 2) is £1,061,437.
- 1.2 The Glasgow Bus Partnership proposals identify a series of bus priority corridors within the region that aim to reduce journey times on arterial routes by 20%. This tender is for the strategic corridor of Paisley Road West and Glasgow Road connecting Paisley City Centre to Glasgow City Centre. A series of full corridor bus priority interventions are to be developed for RIBA Stage 1 to 2.
- 1.3 This contract seeks a lead consultancy, supported by a multi-disciplinary consultancy team, if required, to develop and produce this work. The services covers the development of a Strategic Bus corridor on Pollokshaws Road / Kilmarnock Road and includes the following deliverables:
- Project management
 - Feasibility and option appraisal
 - Stakeholder and public engagement
 - A range of technical surveys
 - Business Case
 - Preliminary Design
- 1.4 A commodity team consisting of stakeholders from Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability (NRS) and the Corporate Procurement Unit (CPU) was formed to develop the sourcing strategy and deliver a new contract.
- 1.5 In line with the effective and efficient objective within the council's Sustainable Procurement Strategy 2023-2027, which can be located [here](#), and to support the national agenda in utilising national collaborative frameworks, it was agreed that a mini-competition process conducted via the Crown Commercial Services framework for Construction Professional Services, reference RM6165 would be the most appropriate method to deliver this contract.
- 1.6 The duration of the contract is 14 months.
- 1.7 The contract will be utilised by NRS.

2 Evaluation

- 2.1 14 consultancies were invited to bid. Of the 14, 3 submitted a bid. Of the 11 consultancies that failed to respond, 3 cited a lack of capacity as the reason.
- 2.2 The award evaluation was based on the following criteria and weightings:

Price	Quality	Quality Sub Criteria
40%	60%	Understanding the Brief and Strategic Fit - 10%

		Public Transport Priority and Network Integration - 10%
		Surveys, Data and Technical Inputs - 10%
		Project and Programme Management – 15%
		Engagement and Stakeholder Management – 10%
		Fair Work First (including the Real Living Wage) 5%

- 2.3 The evaluation of award scoring and award value of the consultancy which has been recommended for award is shown in the table below:

Description	Supplier	Total Evaluation Score	Value	Rank
The provision of consultancy design services for Paisley Road West bus priority proposals Riba stage 1-2	Aecom Limited (Companies House Number: 01846493)	84%	£884,531	1

A summary of the unsuccessful tender evaluation results can be found at Appendix A.

3 Contract implementation and Supplier Management

- 3.1 This is an NEC4 contract therefore responsibility for monitoring day-to-day delivery of the contract will remain with the relevant NRS officer appointed to the role of Project Manager.
- 3.2 The agreed community benefit outcome commitments will be monitored via Cenefits which is a web-based monitoring tool. We will also capture sustainable commitments within the CPU Sustainable Register.

4 Policy and Resource Implications

Resource Implications:

Financial:

The contract award value is £884,531.

£400,000 has been secured for 2025/26. The release of the remaining £661,437 is subject to Transport Scotland approving a funding bid through the 2026/27 Scottish Budget.

A break clause will apply, allowing the work to pause if required until this second phase of funding is confirmed.

NRS has confirmed its acceptance of a one-off cost avoidance saving amounting to £176,906 based on the contract award value and the original £1,061,437 budget for the project.

Legal:

The report raises no new legal issues.

The Director of Legal and Administration will be responsible for concluding the contract.

Personnel:

No direct personnel implications.

Procurement:

A mini-competition process as per section 1.5 of this report.

Council Strategic Plan:

The contract supports the following Grand Challenges and Missions:

- Grand Challenge 1, Mission 3.
- Grand Challenge 2, Mission 2.
- Grand Challenge 3, Mission 1 & 2

Equality and Socio-Economic Impacts:

Does the proposal support the Council's Equality Outcomes 2021-25

Yes - the Sustainable Procurement Duty requires that before a contracting authority buys anything, it must think about how it can improve the social, environmental and economic wellbeing of the area in which it operates, with a particular focus on reducing inequality.

What are the potential equality impacts as a result of this report?

An EQIA was carried out for this contract and details any negative impacts identified and sets out how these will be mitigated. Please see link below:

https://www.glasgow.gov.uk/media/11924/EquiA-Glasgow-Transport-Strategy/pdf/EquiA_Glasgow_Transport_Strategy.pdf?m=1717587817307

Please highlight if the policy/proposal will help address socio economic disadvantage.

Fair Work First was included as part of the award criteria with a weighting of 5%.

The consultancy recommended for award, Jacobs U.K. Limited, has confirmed the following policies within its tender submission:

- Payment of at least the Real Living Wage
- Provide appropriate channels for effective workers voice
- Investment in workforce development
- No inappropriate use of zero-hour contracts
- Action to tackle the gender pay gap and create a more diverse and inclusive workforce
- Offer flexible and family friendly working practices for all workers from day one of employment
- Oppose the use of fire and rehire practice

Community Benefit was included as part of the tender process. The consultancy recommended for award, Jacobs U.K. Limited, has confirmed the following outcomes:

- 1 x New Employee - Full Time Job (non Priority Group)
- 1 x New Entrant Graduate - Full Time (from non Priority Group)
- 2 x Work Experience Placement – School
- 8 x Community Engagement - Non-Financial Support (min. of 5hrs)

The proposal supports outcome 1 of the councils Equality Outcomes 2021 to 2025.

Climate Impacts:

Does the proposal support any Climate Plan actions?

Yes - action 51 is supported via this contract.

What are the potential climate impacts as a result of this proposal?

This contract will support delivery of a comprehensive active travel network, incorporating the spaces for people measures (following consultation) and enabling 20-minute neighbourhoods through the Liveable Neighbourhoods Plan.

*Will the proposal
contribute to Glasgow's
net zero carbon target?*

Yes, as above.

**Privacy and Data
Protection impacts:**

No data protection impacts identified.

5 Recommendations

The Contracts and Property Committee is requested to approve the award of a contract for the provision of consultancy design services for Paisley Road West bus priority proposals Riba stage 1-2 (work package 2) to the consultancy listed below.

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Appendix 1 – Unsuccessful Bidders

Consultancy	Score
Arcadis Consulting U.K. Limited (Companies House No. 02212959)	84%