**Item 12**

**6th October 2022**

**Glasgow City Council**

**Contracts and Property Committee**

**Report by Director of Legal and Administration**

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# The Provision of Consultancy Services - Liveable Neighbourhoods (Tranche 2)

**Tender Reference: GCC005567CPU**

To submit details of the tenders received for the provision of consultancy services - Liveable Neighbourhoods (Tranche 2) ; and to advise committee of the delegated approval of two contracts, under the relevant provision of the Glasgow City Council Scheme of Delegations - Chief Executive's Number 32(d), as detailed in this report.

**Recommendations:**

The Committee is invited to :

1. note the report and
2. the delegated award of two contracts for the provision of consultancy services - Liveable Neighbourhoods (Tranche 2); under the relevant provision of the Council's Scheme of Delegations - Chief Executive's Number 32(d), to the consultancies as set out in paragraph 2.3.

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| Ward No(s): 2, 6, 7, 8, 12, 13, 14, 21, 22 | Citywide: |
| Local member(s) advised: Yes X No ☐ | consulted: Yes ☐ No X |

## 1 Background and Tender

1.1 This report was originally intended to be considered by a meeting of the Contracts and Property Committee on 15 September 2022 which was cancelled following the passing of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II.

1.2 It was the assessment of NRS officers, in consultation with the relevant Committee Convenor, that the next available meeting of the Contracts and Property Committee on 6 October 2022 would not provide sufficient time to undertake the necessary activities and would present a material operational and funding risk to the programme. It was therefore considered that delegated approval was required urgently in order to allow the award of contract and implementation of the activities to commence immediately upon approval.

1.3 The delegated approval of the two contracts was granted on 22nd September by the Chief Executive Officer under the relevant provision of the Council's Scheme of Delegations - Chief Executive's Number 32(d), to the consultancies as set out in paragraph 2.3.

1.4 Glasgow City Council's ("the Council's") budget for the provision of consultancy services - Liveable Neighbourhoods (Tranche 2) is £600,000.

1.5 The Liveable Neighbourhood Plan (LN) has been introduced in response to the draft Scottish Government's fourth National Planning Framework (NPF4) which highlights the importance of liveable places and 20-minute neighbourhoods.

1.6 The Glasgow City Development Plan (CDP) is the statutory development plan and provides the overarching spatial planning and placemaking framework for the City. The CDP sets out the Council's vision and strategy for land use whilst also providing the basis for assessing planning applications along with its associated Supplementary Guidance.

1.7 The Liveable Neighbourhoods approach aligns with the key aims and strategic outcomes of the CDP. The LN will contribute to the delivery of the CDP action programme. The CDP is supported by a range of supplementary guidance and this can inform the LN, including where relevant, the Strategic Development Frameworks and Local Development Frameworks, which together guide decisions on future planning applications.

1.8 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.

1.9 In line with the efficiency and effectiveness aim of the Council's Corporate Procurement and Commercial Improvement Strategy 2018-2022, located at https://www.glasgow.gov.uk/CHttpHandler.ashx?id=42092&p=0, (which promotes consideration of National and Collaborative Frameworks), it was agreed that a mini-competition process under lot 8 of Scotland Excel's (SXL's) Engineering & Technical Consultancy Framework Agreement

(Framework), ref: 0820, would be the most appropriate method to deliver this contract.

1.10 Liveable Neighbourhood Tranche 2 contains four large study areas that have been split into two contracts/lots due to the size of areas involved. The Consultants will produce LNs to RIBA stage 0-2 for the two identified areas of the city which are part of the second tranche of LNs for Glasgow. The identified areas of Glasgow are as follows:

- Lot 1 - Sighthill, Roystonhill, Germiston, Blackhill and Hogganfield, Yoker, Scotstoun, Jordanhill and Whiteinch
- Lot 2 - Pollokshaws, Mansewood, Pollokshields West, Shawlands, Strathbungo, Greater Gorbals, Govanhill and Pollokshields East

1.11 The duration of the contract is for a 12 month period from contract award, there is no extension period for this contract.

1.12 The contract will be utilised by NRS.

## 2 Evaluation

2.1 All 9 consultancies appointed to Lot 8 of the Framework were invited to submit a bid for the mini-competition. 3 consultancies submitted a bid for Lot 1 and 5 submitted a bid for Lot 2. Out of the remaining 4 which did not submit a bid, 3 advised that they did not carry out urban planning and 1 did not reply.

2.2 The award evaluation for both lots was based on the following criteria and weightings:

| Price | Quality | Quality Sub Criteria |
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| 25% | 75% | Understanding of Brief – 20% |
| | | Sustainability, Connectivity and Movement – 10% |
| | | People and Place – 10% |
| | | Project Management – 5% |
| | | Communication – 5% |
| | | Stakeholder Engagement – 20% |
| | | Team Structure – 5% |

2.3 The evaluation scoring of the consultancies which have been recommended for award for each lot is shown in the table below:

| Lot | Supplier | Total Evaluation Score | Value (per annum) | Rank |
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| 1 | Mott MacDonald (Companies House Number: 1243967) | 90.37% | £287,480. | 1 |
| 2 | Atkins (Companies House Number: 688424) | 93.44% | £299,996. | 1 |

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

2.4 NRS will monitor the consultancy's day to day operational performance. Overall contract and consultancy performance will be managed by the CPU.

## 3 Policy and Resource Implications

**Resource Implications:**

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| *Financial:* | The recommended award value for Lot 1 is £287,480 and £299,996 for Lot 2. This will be met via the £600,000 grant funding.<br><br>The tender resulted in a cost avoidance saving of £12,524. |
| *Legal:* | The report raises no legal issues.<br><br>The Director of Legal and Administration will be responsible for concluding the contract. |
| *Personnel:* | No direct personnel implications. |
| *Procurement:* | A mini competition was carried out as detailed in section 1.9 |

**Equality and Socio-Economic Impacts:**

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| *Does the proposal support the Council's Equality Outcomes 2021-25* | The proposal supports best practice in the procurement of services. |

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| *What are the potential equality impacts as a result of this report?* | An EQIA forms part of the contract requirements and both consultancies will produce an EQIA. |
| *Please highlight if the policy/proposal will help address socio economic disadvantage.* | Fair Work Practices were accounted for in the procurement process and the outcomes were evaluated when the consultancy was appointed to the Scotland Excel Framework.<br><br>Lot 1 Mott MacDonald – Pays in excess of the Real Living Wage to all employees.<br><br>Lot 2 Atkins – Accredited Real Living Wage employer<br><br>Community Benefits - Mandatory 30 points for each Lot.<br><br>The suppliers recommended for award have committed to providing the following:<br><br>Lot 1 Mott MacDonald – 35 points.<br>• School Mentoring or Enterprise Programme x 2<br>• Career Event<br>• Community Engagement non-Financial Support x 2<br>• Committed to provide additional voluntary community benefits to be agreed as part of contract mobilisation and monitored throughout project deliver.<br><br>Lot 2 Atkins - 120 points.<br>• MCR Pathway 1-2-1 Mentoring Programme x 2,<br>• Work Experience Placement School,<br>• Career Event x 2,<br>• Workplace Visit,<br>• Supply Chain Briefings x 2,<br>• Business Mentoring x 2,<br>• Community Engagement – Non-Financial support x 2 |
| **Climate Impacts:**<br>*Does the proposal support any Climate Plan actions? Please specify:* | Yes - Enhancement of existing and new conditions for promoting and supporting sustainable forms of transport. |

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| *What are the potential climate impacts as a result of this proposal?* | The contracts will improve Glasgow's urban environment and connectivity, thus leading to an improvement in a range of outcomes for the city's population. |
| *Will the proposal contribute to Glasgow's net zero carbon target?* | Yes - The proposal will assist in reducing the need to travel unsustainably and encourage people to live more locally, improving the quality of place and ability of resilient places to cope with and tackle climate change. |
| **Privacy and Data Protection impacts:** | No data protection impacts identified. |

## 4 Recommendations

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**Appendix A**

**LOT 1**

| **Supplier** | **Rank** | **Total Evaluation Score** |
|---|---|---|
| Stantec UK<br>Companies House No: 01188070) | 2 | 76.00 |
| AECOM<br>(Companies House No: 01846493) | 3 | 71.89 |

**LOT 2**

| **Supplier** | **Rank** | **Total Evaluation Score** |
|---|---|---|
| Mott MacDonald<br>(Companies House No: 1243967) | 2 | 90.38 |
| Ironside Farrar<br>(Companies House No: SC109330) | 3 | 88.59 |
| Stantec UK<br>Companies House No: 1188070) | 4 | 76.00 |
| AECOM<br>(Companies House No: 01846493) | 5 | 71.89 |