Procurement Report - Request Approval to Commence Procurement Exercises (Appendix 'A' Refers)

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Executive Summary

In line with the County Council's procurement rules, this report sets out a recommendation to approve the commencement of four procurement exercises:

(i) Provision of Day Time Support Services
(ii) Lancashire Teaching Agency – Provision of Supply Services to Schools
(iii) Supply of Water and Wastewater Services
(iv) Supply of Catalytic Regeneration Systems – Clean Bus Technology
(Revision to procurement process)

These are deemed to be Key Decisions (other than 'item iv' which is deemed to be a Non-Key Cabinet Member Decision) and the provisions of Standing Order No.25 have been complied with.

Recommendation

The Cabinet is recommended to approve the commencement of the procurement exercises as set out in Appendix ‘A’ for the areas identified above.

Background and Advice

Appendix ‘A’ of this report sets out the details of the individual procurement exercises, and the basis upon which it is proposed to carry out the processes, including:

• the description of the service being procured;
• the estimated annual contract value and the funding position;
• the contract description;
• the proposed basis for the evaluation of the tender submissions.

Where approval has been received from the Cabinet to undertake a tender process which is deemed to be a Key Decision, the subsequent award of the Contract on the satisfactory completion of the tender exercise shall not be deemed a Key Decision and can be approved by the relevant Head of Service or Director.

On the conclusion of the procurement exercises, the award of the contracts will be made under the County Council's Scheme of Delegation to Heads of Service, and in accordance with the Council's procurement rules.

Consultations

Relevant Heads of Service and key operational staff have been consulted in drawing up the proposals to undertake the procurement exercises included within this report.

Implications:

This item has the following implications, as indicated:

Risk management

Failure to take steps to lawfully procure new contracts and continuing with current arrangements would contravene the Council's procurement rules and the Public Contract Regulations 2015. Furthermore, failure to award the contract(s) may result in the county council facing difficulty in delivering these services.

Financial

There are no financial implications as a result of this report, as the estimated values of the contracts are in line with current budget for each service area.

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Reason for inclusion in Part II, if appropriate

N/A