

Report to the Cabinet Member for Environment, Planning and Cultural Services
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Part I

Electoral Divisions affected:
All

Water and Environment Management Framework

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Executive Summary

This report sets out a recommendation to approve the use of the Environment Agency's Water and Environment Management (WEM) Framework Agreement to procure specialist consultancy and construction works for flood risk projects. The WEM Framework has been awarded following the completion of a tender process managed by the Environment Agency which was conducted in accordance with EU Directives and use of the framework complies with the County Council's Procurement Rules.

This is deemed to be a Key Decision and the provisions of Standing Order No.25 have been complied with.

Recommendation

The Cabinet Member for Environment, Planning and Cultural Services is asked to approve the use of the Environment Agency's Water and Environmental Management (WEM) Framework to procure specialist consultants, contractors and technology for flood related investigations and works.

Background and Advice

In December 2015 intense rainfall from Storm Desmond resulted in widespread flooding across the North-West of England. Lancaster was one of the affected urban areas as the River Lune reached its highest ever recorded flow rate and the overtopping of its banks caused flooding to hundreds of properties and businesses.

Lancashire Highway Services will lead a multi-agency team comprising Lancashire County Council's Flood Risk Management Team, Lancaster City Council, United Utilities and the Environment Agency (EA) to commission a wide scale study to investigate the causes of the flooding and undertake a structural survey.

The WEM Framework will provide immediate access to the most qualified specialist consultants, contractors and technology. Initially the framework would be utilised for the flood related works in Lancaster but there are other areas of Lancashire that would also benefit from our participation of the Framework.

Procurement Procedure

An OJEU Restricted tender process was issued and managed by the Environment Agency.

The framework contains four individual Lots:

Lot 1 – Modelling, Mapping and Data Services
Lot 2 – Environmental Services
Lot 3 – Engineering and Related Services
Lot 4 – Asset Delivery

Duration

The framework agreement was formalised in 2013 and will expire in July 2019.

Evaluation Criteria

Following pre-qualification stage, the Environment Agency appointed specialist consultants and contractors to each Lot within the framework.

It is a requirement of the framework to issue mini-competitions for every project. There is no commitment and a contract will only be formed when a mini-competition has been evaluated and awarded and a purchase order is issued.

Appointments

The consultants and contractors appointed to each Lot are:

Lot 1 – Modelling, Mapping and Data Services

- Capita Symonds Ltd
- Halcrow Group Ltd
- JacksonHyder
- Jacobs UK Ltd
- Jeremy Benn Associates Ltd
- Mott MacDonald Ltd

Lot 2 – Environmental Services

- Capita Symonds Ltd

- Halcrow Group Ltd

Lot 3 – Engineering and Related Services

- Capita Symonds Ltd
- Halcrow Group Ltd
- JacksonHyder
- Jacobs UK Ltd
- Mott MacDonald Ltd

Lot 4 – Asset Delivery

- BMM joint venture (BAM Nuttall, Mott MacDonald)
- GBV joint venture (Galliford Try, Black & Veatch)
- JacksonHyder
- JN Bentley Ltd, Jeremy Benn Associates
- Team Van Oord Ltd (Van Oord, JTMackley, May Gurney, Royal HaskoningDHV)
- VBA consortium (VolkerStevin Ltd, Boskalis Westminster Ltd, Atkins Ltd)

Consultations

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Implications:

This item has the following implications, as indicated:

Risk management

Although measures have been taken to help with flood alleviation, there is a high risk that without the fundamental study Lancaster City Centre could be subjected to another major food event.

Financial

Initial funding of £0.5m has been secured from the Environment Agency to undertake investigation works and structural survey relating to the flooding in Lancaster. In the longer term LCC can expect to receive anywhere up to £3.5 million additional funding from the Environment Agency for actions resulting from the initial investigation and structural survey.

Legal

No legal risks of using the WEM Framework have been identified. Legal Services have reviewed the framework documents and confirmed it is suitable for the County Council to use.

Traffic Management

During the investigation there will be traffic disruption while access to drainage assets are undertaken.

List of Background Papers

Paper	Date	Contact/Tel
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None

Reason for inclusion in Part II, if appropriate

N/A