

HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

Executive Decision Record

Decision Maker:	Executive Member for Environment and Transport
Date:	12 March 2019
Title:	Technical Resources Framework (Generation 4)
Report From:	Director of Economy, Transport and Environment

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1. The decision:

- 1.1. That approval be given to procure and spend, and enter into any necessary contractual arrangements, for a framework designated as the Technical Resources Framework (Gen4) to engage with specialist engineering companies and engineering resources for delivery of the County Council's highways, transport and ancillary infrastructure projects up to a value of £45million, for a period of up to four years duration commencing in April 2020.
- 1.2. That access to the framework be given to other appropriate public bodies operating within the geographical area of the county of Hampshire in return for a contribution as reasonable toward running and set up costs, and that authority is delegated to the Director of Economy, Transport and Environment to enter into the necessary access arrangement agreements to facilitate this in consultation with the Head of Legal Services.
- 1.3. That the selection of suppliers will be carried out on a combination of price and quality, with the final ratio to be determined by the Director of Economy, Transport and Environment in consultation with the Executive Member for Economy and Transport, as set out in the tender evaluation section of the tender documents.
- 1.4. That the Director of Economy, Transport and Environment be given delegated authority to agree minor variations to the items approved, in consultation with the Executive Member for Environment and Transport.

2. Reason for the decision:

- 2.1 The current Technical Resources Framework (Gen3) expires in spring 2020, and under current procurement regulations it is anticipated that market engagement, contract preparation, selection and assessment will take around 15 months. The existing framework has served the Authority well and it is recommended that an evolutionary review is applied to form the next generation of frameworks into Gen4.

3. Other options considered and rejected:

- 3.1. Individual tendering of services - Under current regulations services with an estimated value exceeding approximately £181,000 must be tendered in accordance with European Public Contracts Directive 2014/24/EU. These regulations specify

detailed procedures for tender process and supplier selection together with minimum timescales. Although appropriate for specific and occasional individual projects, the Council requires continual access to specialist engineering resources in order to deliver its capital programme. If each individual commission was tendered separately, this would increase the costs and timescales of engagement to comply with associated regulatory timescales. Individual commissions also require their own procedures for supplier selection which are similar to those included within frameworks.

- 3.2. Although the Council does have access to suppliers (through lots 1 to 3 of the Strategic Partner Contract for the provision of Professional Services for the Built Environment), the commissions are intended toward large scale projects or identified programmes of work. Although this arrangement complements the Council's own in-house skills, there is often a need for specialist resources not included within the Strategic Partner contracts or to supplement in-house teams due to fluctuations in workload. Use of locally based resources for medium/small commissions within a framework of suppliers fills a flexible gap in the delivery programme.
- 3.3. The Technical Resources Framework is designed for provision of services from companies that carry appropriate construction related professional indemnity and public liability insurances. All agreements are made with limited companies rather than through agency arrangements and this provides a market sector distinction from the provision of temporary staff contracts available elsewhere within the County Council.

4. Conflicts of interest:

- 4.1. Conflicts of interest declared by the decision-maker:
- 4.2. Conflicts of interest declared by other Executive Members consulted:

5. Dispensation granted by the Conduct Advisory Panel: none.

6. Reason(s) for the matter being dealt with if urgent: not applicable.

7. Statement from the Decision Maker:

Approved by:

Date:

12 March 2019

**Executive Member for Environment and Transport
Councillor Rob Humby**