

TO: THE EXECUTIVE
DATE: 10 November 2020

**FRAMEWORK AGREEMENT FOR ROAD BASED PASSENGER TRANSPORT
– PROCURMENT PLAN APPROVAL**

Director of Place, Planning and Regeneration

1 PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 To approve the Procurement Plan for a renewed Framework Agreement for Road Based Passenger Transport.

2 RECOMMENDATION

- 2.1 **That the Executive approve the methodology for advertising the Framework opportunity, evaluating supplier submissions, and appointing suppliers to the new Framework agreement, as set out in confidential Appendix A.**
- 2.2 **That the new Framework Agreement is implemented using a Dynamic Procurement System (DPS) so that suppliers may join the Framework at any point during its lifetime.**

3 REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATION

- 3.1 The current framework agreement has expired and must be renewed to ensure the effective procurement of future bus contracts.
- 3.2 The new framework agreement will provide the structure to source suitable bus services providers from the marketplace. The subsequent call-off contracts under the framework will then secure particular routes through a competitive process.

4 ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED

- 4.1 To continue without a framework agreement in place and conduct individual tenders each time a new service needs to be commissioned. This would be time consuming and would affect the Council's response to changes in circumstance.
- 4.2 To pursue a non-DPS Framework valid for four years. Previously, only three operators met the deadline for the current framework agreement and so a fixed and inaccessible framework would limit the scope for best value and resilience.

5 SUPPORTING INFORMATION

- 5.1 The Procurement Plan is provided at confidential **Appendix A**.
- 5.2 The EIA screening results are attached to the report at **Appendix B** - a full Impact Assessment is not required at this time.

6 CONSULTATION

- 6.1 The Procurement Plan has been widely consulted upon. The circulation list of consultees is shown on the front page of the Procurement Plan, and comments from the Borough Treasurer, Solicitor and Head of Procurement are included within the plan.

7 ADVICE RECEIVED FROM STATUTORY AND OTHER OFFICERS

Borough Treasurer

- 7.1 Contained in Appendix A

Borough Solicitor

- 7.2 Contained in Appendix A

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