

**TO: EXECUTIVE MEMBER FOR PLANNING AND TRANSPORT  
DIRECTOR OF ENVIRONMENT, CULTURE AND COMMUNITIES**

**29<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY 2016**

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**PROCUREMENT PLAN FOR NEW FRAMEWORK  
FOR ROAD BASED PASSENGER TRANSPORT**

**1 PURPOSE OF DECISION**

- 1.1 To approve the Procurement Plan which sets out the approach to establishing a new Framework agreement for Road Based Passenger Transport, attached at confidential appendix A.

**2 RECOMMENDATION**

**That the Executive Member for planning and Transport and the Director of Environment, Culture and Communities approve:**

- 2.1 **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.**
- 2.3 **That the new Framework agreement be awarded for a period of a maximum of 4 years (3+1).**

**3 REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATION**

- 3.1 The new framework agreement will provide the structure to procure bus services, in accordance with the council's adopted Bus Strategy, and the subsequent call-off contracts under the framework will then secure particular routes.
- 3.2 If, as is hoped, the new framework includes additional operators, this will provide improved competition and resilience.

**4 ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED**

- 4.1 To extend the current Framework agreement for a final year – the current Framework only includes three operators, which does not necessarily ensure good value for money when tendering contracts via mini-competitions. This option has been discounted by the council.

**5 SUPPORTING INFORMATION**

- 5.1 Please refer to the Procurement Plan at confidential Appendix A.

Equalities Impact Assessment

## UNRESTRICTED

- 5.5 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. 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 in the Procurement Plan.

#### Borough Solicitor

- 6.2 The applicable legal issues are set out elsewhere in this plan, and the Borough Solicitor has nothing to add.

#### Borough Treasurer

- 6.3 In order to ensure value for money entering into a new framework agreement should provide greater competition for the bus services within the Borough and therefore provide the most competitive prices. The impact on the future budget for providing these services will be reported once the outcome is known.

#### Background Papers

##### **Confidential Appendices**

Appendix A – Procurement Plan for new Framework for Road Based Passenger Transport

##### **Non-Confidential Appendices**

Appendix B – EIA screening report

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