

Nottingham City Council Delegated Decision



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Subject:	WELS spend approval
Total Value:	£28,482.76 (Type: Capital)
Decision Being Taken:	To approve a dispensation from Contract Procedure Rules to award a contract up to the value of £28,482.76 to SaveMoneyCutCarbon to supply the accredited installation of 17 PropelAir, air powered, water efficient toilets and efficient sensor flow taps for the wash basins.
Reasons for the Decision(s)	PropelAir is a niche, innovative technology sourced through the Innovation Gateway, where they are the patent owners and sole manufacturer of the Air flush technology. SaveMoneyCutCarbon are the approved installer. Novaloo were approached for quote as they are undertaking approved installer accreditation but do not hold approvals for the drainage elements necessary for the manufacturers warranty.
Other Options Considered:	<p>Do not buy/do nothing: The Council is committed to water efficiency and carbon neutrality. The excess consumption by traditional design wastes 1.8million litres of water, equating to 1.9 Tonnes of carbon annually. Therefore this option was rejected.</p> <p>Go to tender: This is patented technology with one manufacturer and one warranty approved supplier so a tender process was not possible.</p> <p>Use other technology: The Council does not own the roof space to allow for a rainwater harvesting system. Air flush technology was compared to flush restrictor valves and displacement devices and the best performance by significant degree (~4 times) determined air flush as the necessary technology for the best carbon, water and cost savings. Therefore this option was rejected.</p>

Background Papers: **None**

Published Works: **None**

Affected Wards: **Castle**

Colleague / Councillor Interests: **None**

Dispensation from Financial Regulations: **Yes**

Consultations:
Date: 04/03/2021
Other: Wayne Bexton Andy Whitley Tanya Najuk Kenneth France
Project proposal taken to water self supply governance group. Approvals given by Wayne Bexton as the WELS budget manager, Andy Whitley as the utilities manager (for return on investment from the utilities savings to be achieved by way of installing the efficiency project), Tanya Najuk properties representative on the board and Kenneth France as the public conveniences manager.

Those not consulted are not directly affected by the decision.

Crime and Disorder Implications:
Situational - the facilities for the scheme are manned to deter vandalism and the robust nature of the technology is less vulnerable to vandalism than the existing.
Social - Improved and reliable service to improve the perceptions of the facility
Rule - the installation is a water efficiency and is not designed to regulate behaviour

Equality: **EIA not required. Reasons: The decision does not relate to a change of policy or service.**

Decision Type: **Officer**

Executive Decision? **Yes**

**Scheme of Delegation
Reference Number or Other
Source of Delegation:**

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Subject to Call In:

No

The call-in procedure does not apply to the decision because the value of the decision is below the call in threshold.

Advice Sought:

Legal, Finance, Procurement, Property, Building Services

Legal Advice:

It is understood that the supplier has been chosen due to their knowledge and experience and their unique position in offering these items on the market.

For the reasons given in the report, the request for dispensation is supported.

An appropriate contractual arrangement should be put in place between the Council and the chosen provider. Advice provided by Dionne Claire Scream (Solicitor) on 02/08/2021.

Finance Advice:

This payment has been initially funded from the WELS recycling fund budget allocation, with the cost eventually being reclaimed through a series of internal loan repayments over several financial years.

Dispensation from Contract Procedure Rule 4.1.1 in accordance with Financial Regulation 3.29 (Operational Issues) is supported due to the reasons stated by the author regarding the two suppliers. Advice provided by Tania Clayton Perez (Commercial Business Partner) on 23/06/2021.

Procurement Advice:

Work has already been carried out, hence this is a retrospective request for dispensation to release funds and allow the contractor to be paid. Advice provided by Jonathan Whitmarsh (Lead Procurement Officer) on 21/06/2021.

Property Advice:

Property support this decision to improve the Greyhound Street toilets making them more energy efficient. Advice provided by Deborah Millar (Property Business Partner) on 27/05/2021.

Building Services Advice:

Work has already been carried out, without consultation of what been installed and how the equipment will be maintained by whom in the future. As this is a retrospective request for dispensation to release funds and allow the contractor to be paid it is supported. Advice provided by Trevor Bone (Property Maintenance Manager) on 18/08/2021.

Signatures:

Sajeeda Rose (Corporate Director for Growth and City
Development) SIGNED and Dated 22/10/2021

Clive Heaphy as Chief Finance Officer (Chief Finance Officer) - Dispensation from Financial Regulations
SIGNED and Dated: 14/10/2021

Chief Finance Officer's Comments: