

# Operational Decision Record

<b>Publication Date</b> 08/06/23	<b>Decision Reference Number</b> 4960
<b>Decision Title</b>	
Procurement of resources to support the development of the financial control environment	
<b>Decision Value</b>	
Up to £175,000 plus expenses	
<b>Revenue or Capital Spend?</b>	
Revenue	
<b>Department</b>	
Finance and Resources	
<b>Contact Officer (Name, job title, and contact details)</b>	
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<b>Decision Taken</b>	
<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. To award a contract to EY to provide additional capacity to NCC to support the delivery of its finance improvement plan. The focus of the commission is to map the financial control environment and implement solutions to identified gaps, working closely with the existing NCC finance team;</li><li>2. This commission with EY is to deliver a 12 week focused controls remediation response working alongside NCC's FIP resources, which is capped at £175,000 excl VAT.</li></ol>	
<b>Reasons for Decision and Background Information</b>	
This activity will ensure the financial control environment is improved quickly providing the S151 officer with the necessary assurance that any control environment weaknesses are addressed quickly.	
<b>Other Options Considered and why these were rejected</b>	
Do not procure this service – this will impact on the pace at which the council can deliver the financial controls remediation work required as the resource capacity is not available internally.	
<b>Reasons why this decision is classified as operational</b>	
It involves the delivery of an agreed decision taken by the Executive Board on the 21 March 2023.	
<b>Additional Information</b>	
The commission will be procured through the Crown Commercial Service RM 6187 Framework, approved for this purpose by Head of Procurement.	

**Finance comments – Vicki Palazon, Finance Consultant**

The commission of this EY – Financial controls remediation supports the finance improvement plan delivery. The funding for this commission is from the approved £2.435m IAB funding allocation set aside within the Financial Resilience Reserve. (Executive Board report dated 21 March 2023).

The full workorder is outlined within the exempt Appendix 1. The appendix to this report is exempt from publication under paragraph number 3 of Schedule 12A to the Local Government Act 1972 because it contains information relating to (add in what it relates to) and, having regard to all the circumstances, the public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighs the public interest in disclosing the information. It is not in the public interest to disclose this information because the information relates to financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the authority holding that information).

**Decision Maker (Name and Job Title)**

Mel Barrett – Chief Executive

**Scheme of Delegation Reference Number**

*Authority delegated by Executive Board, 21 March 2023, Minute 120*

**Date Decision Taken**

07 June 2023