

Nottingham City Council Delegated Decision



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Subject:	Operational Asset Review & Property Strategy Development
Total Value:	exempt (Type: Capital)
Decision Being Taken:	To approve the appointment of an external consultant to undertake a review of in scope operational assets and associated strategy development in accordance with an agreed brief.
Reasons for the Decision(s)	The Council is in the process of implementing a Corporate Landlord model to improve the efficiency and effectiveness of the management of both its operational and non-operational portfolios. There is now an imperative to undertake a separate, but integrated, review of in scope operational assets with a view to understanding the opportunity that exists to achieve, amongst other things, a reduction in the size of the operational footprint and the generation of capital receipts through the disposal of identified surplus property. This commission will also include the development of a transitional Asset Strategy and delivery plan, an essential component of being able to deliver the brief requirements. The in scope assets the subject of this review will comprise, with a few minor exceptions, those identified as transferring into the corporate landlord as part of phase 1 implementation. The operational office portfolio will not be included as this is already being addressed through an earlier commission. An appropriately qualified consultant through a CCS framework will be commissioned with the full engagement and support of procurement colleagues.
Other Options Considered:	To undertake the work internally-the council does not currently have the available skills and capacity available to undertake this work in the required timescales. other options considered are as detailed in the exempt appendix.
Background Papers:	none

Published Works: none

Affected Wards: Citywide

Colleague / Councillor Interests:

Any Information Exempt from publication: Yes

Exempt Information:

Description of what is exempt: The proposal relates to the intended procurement of an external consultant to undertake the work that is the subject of this report. The release of related financial information before the tender process concludes will potentially be prejudicial to the tender outcome and is regarded as being commercially sensitive.

An appendix (or appendices) to this decision is exempt from publication under the following paragraph(s) of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972

3 - Information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the authority holding that information). The public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighs the public interest in disclosing the information because it contains information relating to the financial or business affairs of the Council 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 it relates to commercially sensitive information; disclosure could prejudice the Council's negotiating and future discussions which may be entered into.

Documents exempt from publication: delegated decision appendix-review of operational assets 300523.docx

Consultations: Those not consulted are not directly affected by the decision.

Crime and Disorder Implications: there are no implications arising out of this report

Equality: EIA not required. Reasons: There are no implications arising out of this proposal

Social Value Considerations:	will form part of the formal procurement exercise
Relates to Council Property Assets:	Yes
Decision Type:	Portfolio Holder
Subject to Call In:	Yes
Call In Expiry date:	19/06/2023
Advice Sought:	Legal, Finance, Procurement, Property
Legal Advice:	Provided that the contract is let in compliance with the Council's Constitutional requirements then the proposal raises no significant legal issues and is supported. The Procurement comments refer to the use of a framework arrangement which would appear to meet these requirements. Advice provided by Malcolm Townroe (Director of Legal and Governance) on 12/06/2023.
Finance Advice:	This advice is exempt from publication and is contained within an exempt appendix Advice provided by Vicki Palazon (Finance Consultant) on 30/05/2023.
Property Advice:	The brief and management of this project will be overseen by the Strategic Assets & Property Team. Any recommendations proposed by the report will be considered and taken forward as appropriate. This review alongside the Administrative Office Review and the High Value Asset Review will assist in meeting the IAB instruction given to property to produce a credible pipeline of disposals. Advice provided by Beverley Gouveia (Disposals & Development Manager) on 05/06/2023.
Procurement Advice:	Appointment of an external consultant using a third-party framework is permitted under article 18.43 of the Constitution, and the Procurement Team will support to ensure this is carried out compliantly. We note the exempt advice given by Finance regarding the award value of the contract. Advice provided by Jonathan Whitmarsh (Lead Procurement Officer) on 30/05/2023.
Signatures	David Mellen (Leader/ PH Strategic Regeneration & Communications) SIGNED and Dated: 12/06/2023 Sajeeda Rose (Corporate Director of Growth & City Development) SIGNED and Dated: 12/06/2023