

Nottingham City Council Delegated Decision



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Subject:	Award of contract for the Joint Investment Strategy construction industry training services
Total Value:	£66,360 (Type: Revenue)
Decision Being Taken:	To grant dispensation from Contract Procedure Rule 5.1.2, in accordance with Financial Regulation 3.29 (Operational Issues), to allow for a direct award of a contract to PRS Health and Safety Ltd to deliver training services within Nottingham City Council's (NCC's) Joint Investment Strategy (JIS) for the construction industry with the Construction Industry Training Board (CITB)
Reasons for the Decision(s)	<p>Over the past few years NCC has been working with CITB to deliver a JIS to support the local construction industry. NCC's contribution has been funded through a £500,000 commitment of section 106 funding.</p> <p>Part of the JIS is the delivery of specialist construction skills training for unemployed Nottingham City residents which needs to be delivered by the end of May 2017. In order to achieve these deadlines NCC need to contract rapidly with a provider operating locally who can deliver the right services on a value for money basis. PRS are a major supplier to Nottingham City Homes (NCH) and come recommended by them.</p> <p>PRS are required to deliver these services as there is no other local provider inside the Employment & Skills Training provider framework, or identifiable on the open market, that is able to offer the same bespoke package of training. The delivery location is ideal as it will be central to the city centre for residents to travel to. PRS will be able to offer a complete catalogue of required training and will minimize the extra time that would be taken by having several different trainers attending to offer separate courses within the package. The delivery of this service should be finished by May 2017 at the latest so this would help efficiency and smooth running of the service.</p> <p>The training costs will be a maximum spend of £66,360. Value for money has been assured by benchmarking against delivery rates that have been offered to NCH. NCC have also been offered a rate that is cheaper than PRS's standard price and below the average market price.</p>

Other Options Considered:	Utilising an existing provider on the Employment & Skills Provider Framework - Interest was invited from this framework however no expressions of interest were received, therefore this option was not followed and rejected. Undertaking an open market procurement process was rejected given the timescales and soft market testing showed that it would not add significant value to tender on a competitive basis.
Background Papers:	None
Published Works:	None
Affected Wards:	Citywide
Colleague / Councillor Interests:	None
Dispensation from Financial Regulations:	Yes
Consultations:	Those not consulted are not directly affected by the decision.
Crime and Disorder Implications:	Skills training in the construction industry supports unemployment levels which leads to a reduction in local crime and disorder.
Equality:	EIA not required. Reasons: There are no EIA implications that relate to this proposal.
Social Value Considerations:	N/A
Decision Type:	Portfolio Holder
Subject to Call In:	Yes
Call In Expiry date:	02/02/2017
Advice Sought:	Legal, Finance, Procurement

Legal Advice: This decision does not raise any significant legal issues as the proposed contract value is significantly below the applicable procurement financial threshold for this type of services.
Advice provided by Andrew James (Team Leader Contracts and Commercial) on 01/12/2016.

Finance Advice: This decision is to be funded from the employment and skills section 106 funds and does not raise any significant finance issues. The Employment and Skills Manager will put appropriate measures in place to ensure compliance to the funding conditions.
Advice provided by Tom Straw (Senior Accountant - Capital Programmes) on 09/12/2016.

Procurement Advice: The costs of the training are the same as the prices submitted to Nottingham City Homes who carried out a competitive tendering process and therefore represents value for money, PRS Health & Safety Ltd are also a City based supplier and the procurement team supports the recommendations of this report.
Advice provided by Paul Ritchie (Lead Procurement Officer) on 21/11/2016.

Signatures

Sam Webster (PH for Education, Employment and Skills)
SIGNED and Dated: 25/01/2017
David Bishop (Deputy CE, CD for Development and Growth)
SIGNED and Dated: 12/01/2017
Geoff Walker (Strategic Director Finance/CFO) - Dispensation from Financial Regulations
SIGNED and Dated: 25/01/2017
Chief Finance Officer's Comments: Dispensation agreed for the operational reasons contained within the report