

Nottingham City Council Delegated Decision



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Subject:	Traffic and Safety Resources
Total Value:	Up to £210k (Type: Revenue)
Decision Being Taken:	1. Approval of consultancy support as set out in the attached exempt appendix. 2. Delegate authority to Deputy Chief Executive and Director of Development and Growth to award and sign contracts with consultants as set out on the exempt appendix.
Reasons for the Decision(s)	The Traffic and Safety team continue to deliver a number of schemes/works that require outside consultancy support for successful delivery. This decision will support the schemes/works detailed in the attached exempt appendix from August up to the end of October 2017. The schemes/works include Traffic Regulation order (TRO) schemes, bus cycle corridor works, flood mitigation and highway network duties.
Other Options Considered:	To not secure outside consultancy support. This was discounted as a number of schemes/works could not be delivered. The relevant expertise are not currently available in house and therefore we need to use consultancy support. The work of the consultants will be managed and reviewed on a regular basis to ensure we are getting value for money and the outcomes we require.
Background Papers:	

Published Works:

Affected Wards:

Citywide

Colleague / Councillor Interests:

Any Information Exempt from publication:

Yes

Exempt Information:

Description of what is exempt:

An appendix to this decision containing details of the rate paid to contractors.

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 of the commercial sensitivity detailed in the appendix, as values of what each company charges us for these services is listed.

Documents exempt from publication:

Q2 Traffic and Safety cons.xlsx

Use of Consultants

Number of Days:790
Rate per Day:265
Total value:210000
Start date:01/08/2017
End date:31/10/2017

Reason for using a consultant:

In house capacity and expertise is not available.

Other options considered:	Not to secure outside consultancy support. This was discounted as a number of schemes/works could not be delivered.
Name of consultant:	As set out in the exempt appendix
Reason for selection?	In house capacity and expertise is not available.
Has the consultant previously completed work for the City Council?	Yes
Specific activities to be undertaken by the consultant are:	As set out in the exempt appendix.
Period of engagement:	August - October
By what process was the consultant selected?	The consultants are on the SCAPE and/or Midlands Highways Alliance frameworks and all appointments will be in accordance with the call off requirements as set out in the frameworks.

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

Crime and Disorder Implications: **None.**

Equality: **EIA not required. Reasons: The report does not contain proposals for new or changing policies, services or functions.**

Social Value Considerations: **The schemes/works identified within this decision will deliver schemes that contribute to the economic, social and environmental well-being of the area.**

Relates to staffing: **Yes**

Decision Type: **Portfolio Holder**

Subject to Call In: **Yes**

Call In Expiry date: **08/08/2017**

Advice Sought: **Legal, Finance, Procurement, Human Resources**

Legal Advice: **This report raises no significant legal concerns. Consultancy support services will be called off as required in accordance with the procedure set out in the framework agreements specified in the report and subject to the call off terms of the applicable framework. Advice provided by Sarah O'Bradaigh (senior solicitor) on 26/07/2017.**

Finance Advice:

The costs of the consultants listed within this decision are either recharged to the project they are working on or are covering vacant posts and therefore this places no additional budget pressure on continuing these contracts for the time period stated. Advice provided by Susan Tytherleigh (Senior Finance Manager) on 20/07/2017.

Procurement Advice:

Procurement have not been involved in the engagement of these consultants and therefore the Client needs to be satisfied that all appointments have been made in accordance with the call-off requirements as set out in the specific framework agreements Advice provided by Sue Oliver (Category Manager - Procurement) on 27/07/2017.

HR Advice:

The traffic and transport directorate do not currently have the required expertise or capacity to undertake this work and require the use of consultants. They have tried to recruit directly on a number of occasions with no success. Advice provided by Hannah Gemmill (HR Business Partner) on 24/07/2017.

Signatures:

Jon Collins (Leader of the Council)
SIGNED and Dated: 31/07/2017
Sally Longford (PH for Neighbourhood Services & Local Transport)
SIGNED and Dated: 28/07/2017
David Bishop (Deputy CE, CD for Development and Growth)
SIGNED and Dated: 28/07/2017