

NORTH LANARKSHIRE COUNCIL

REPORT

To: ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES COMMITTEE		Subject: FRAMEWORK AGREEMENT FOR CONSULTANCY SERVICES FOR CONTAMINATED/ DERELICT LAND – EXTENSION TO CONTRACT TERM
From: HEAD OF PROTECTIVE SERVICES		
Date: 12 August 2014	Ref: AM/CM	

1. Purpose

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to achieve approval to extend the existing Framework Agreement for Consultancy Services for Contaminated/ Derelict Land for a period of one year.

2. Background

- 2.1 North Lanarkshire Council is responsible for delivering a programme of regulating and reclaiming contaminated and derelict land to beneficial use. To deliver this programme the procurement of a multi-disciplinary contractor who was able to provide highly specified environmental services and advice was required.
- 2.2 Through the Environmental Services Committee of 18 October 2011, approval was given to the appointment of Grontmij Ltd, WSP Environmental Ltd and RPS Planning and Development Ltd to the Framework Agreement for the provision of Consultancy Services for Contaminated/Derelict Land and Ground Investigation (the "Agreement"). This Agreement commenced on 11th November 2011 for a period of 3 years with the option for the Council to extend the length of the agreement to a fourth year ending on 10 November 2015.

3. Proposals/ Considerations

- 3.1 Throughout the time of the current Agreement, a high level of service has been provided to the Council by all three consultants and the use of the mini-competition process of the Agreement has ensured that all consultants have had to remain competitive.
- 3.2 In light of the high level of service received to date and the competitive nature of the Agreement, it is proposed that the Council utilises its option to extend the Agreement by a further year and that work commences early 2015 on the procurement process for a new Framework Agreement for commencement on 11 November 2015.
- 3.3 All three contractors on the Framework have been contacted and are in agreement with the proposed extension.

4. Corporate Considerations

- 4.1 A number of Services throughout the Council make use of the Agreement and they have been consulted and are in agreement to the proposed extension.

5. Financial Considerations

- 5.1 Based on the current spend against the Agreement, if the contract period was to be extended by a year this would result in an estimated cost of £480,000 bringing the total spend on the Agreement to a value of around £1.7 million which was the limit of the original contract sum.
- 5.2 Any spend against the increased extension of the contract shall be met within the existing revenue and/or capital budgets of the Services utilising the Agreement.

6. Recommendation

- 6.1 That Committee approves the extension of the current Framework Agreement for Consultancy Services for Contaminated/ Derelict land for a period of one year.
- 6.2 That Committee approves commencement of a new procurement process for the appointment of consultants to provide the specialist environmental services relevant to contaminated and derelict land with an appointment date of 11th November 2015.



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