

Finance and Resources Committee

10.00am, Thursday, 30 March 2023

Extension of waiver – Trams to Newhaven project

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Wards

Council Commitments

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11 - City Centre; 12 – Leith Walk; and 13 – Leith

1. Recommendations

- 1.1 It is recommended that Finance and Resources Committee:
 - 1.1.1 Approves an extension, via a waiver of the Council's Contract Standing Orders (CSOs), of the contract with Anturas Consulting Limited to support the delivery of the Trams to Newhaven project; and
 - 1.1.2 Notes the overall cost to the Council of this waiver is anticipated to be £121,495. This cost is contained within the financial forecast to the completion of the project.

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Report

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2. Executive Summary

- 2.1 This report seeks approval to extend the contract for Anturas Consulting Limited so that they continue to provide support to the Trams to Newhaven project, via a waiver of the Council's Contract Standing Orders (CSOs). The overall cost to the Council of this waiver is anticipated to be £121,495.
- 2.2 This extension via waiver is deemed necessary as Anturas Consulting carried out additional work to support the COVID-19 update to the Trams to Newhaven Final Business Case and to reflect the impact of COVID-19 and the War in Ukraine on the programme which was not originally factored into the existing waiver.

3. Background

- 3.1 Anturas Consulting personnel have been engaged on the Trams to Newhaven project since its inception. In 2019 they were appointed under a waiver.
- 3.2 One of the lessons learned for the Trams to Newhaven project was to retain delivery knowledge with experience of delivery of tram systems within the client team. This function has been performed by Anturas Consulting, while also providing support and challenge within the client team since the inception of the project.
- 3.3 Separately, safety assurance and compliance with the Rail and Other Guided Systems Regulations is a key workstream within the project. Anturas Consulting also provide client support to this workstream, working closely with the designer and the operator as duty holder.

4. Main report

- 4.1 As noted in the background section of this report, Anturas Consulting provide an important support role on the Trams to Newhaven project.
- 4.2 The project is nearing completion and this role needs to continue to be performed to maintain assurance until completion of the project.

- 4.3 In particular, the project is currently in its testing and commissioning phase when input to safety assurance is at its maximum in order that the system can be brought safely into operational service.
- 4.4 The cost of retaining Anturas Consulting on the project is accommodated within the project budget and the forecast cost to completion.

5. Next Steps

- 5.1 If this waiver is granted, the contract will be extended and the contract register will be updated.

6. Financial impact

- 6.1 The cost of this waiver is anticipated to be £121,495. This is accommodated within the project budget and the forecast cost to completion.

7. Stakeholder/Community Impact

- 7.1 None.

8. Background reading/external references

- 8.1 [Contract Award and Procurement programme](#) – Finance and Resources Committee, 5 March 2020.

9. Appendices

- 9.1 None.