

Finance and Resources Committee

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Design Engineering Services for Active Travel Schemes

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1. Recommendations

- 1.1 It is recommended that Finance and Resources Committee:
 - 1.1.1 Notes that the Council commissioned design engineering suppliers for a number of active travel schemes utilising the Council's previous Professional Services Framework, which has now expired;
 - 1.1.2 Approves retention of these existing suppliers for the 14 projects listed in the report, via a new direct award commission under the Scotland Excel Framework (or alternative framework in the case of Capita Ltd); and
 - 1.1.3 Notes that a new procurement process will be undertaken to appoint new suppliers using the Council's new Professional Services Framework for three further projects which are at an earlier stage in the design lifecycle.

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Report

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2. Executive Summary

- 2.1 This report proposes the retention of existing suppliers who are currently providing design engineering services for 14 active travel projects. These commissions are due to expire shortly, however these suppliers are not part of the Council's new Professional Services Framework and therefore it is proposed to appoint them via a direct award primarily under the Scotland Excel Framework, in the interests of continuity and to avoid abortive work.

3. Background

- 3.1 The Council previously commissioned design engineering support for a number of active travel projects utilising the Council's previous Professional Services Framework. This Framework expired in March 2021.
- 3.2 Projects awarded during the previous framework's lifetime may extend beyond the life of that framework. However, post framework expiry there is no mechanism for maintaining consistency of supplier for further Royal Institute of British Architects (RIBA) Stages that have yet to be commissioned.
- 3.3 Under this Framework, a number of design engineering commissions were awarded to AECOM Ltd and one was awarded to Capita Ltd. These commissions were awarded at various RIBA Stages.

4. Main report

- 4.1 The Finance and Resources Committee approved a new Professional Services Framework on [29 October 2020](#) to a number of suppliers however neither Capita Ltd nor AECOM Ltd were successful in being appointed.
- 4.2 A review of the existing Active Travel schemes shows that there are 14 commissions where AECOM Ltd and Capita Ltd are currently providing design engineering support and which the Council would wish to extend to completion of the RIBA Stages.
- 4.3 To provide continuity, it is proposed to retain AECOM Ltd for the project that they are working on, via a new direct award commission under the Scotland Excel Framework.

- 4.4 An alternative approach will be required to re-commission Capita Ltd as they are not currently on the Scotland Excel Framework. This will be progressed by the Active Travel team working closely with Commercial and Procurement Services.
- 4.5 The reasons for proposing extending these existing commissions is due to the suppliers' extensive knowledge of these projects to an advanced stage in their lifecycle and to ensure continuity in the design process, reducing the risk of abortive work, lost time and increased cost. Abortive work is particularly a risk as, if the re-tendering of a design engineer is required, the new supplier may not be willing to accept responsibility for any options appraisal or design work undertaken by the previous supplier.
- 4.6 The full list of projects affected are outlined in Appendix 1 and the total estimated value of the work to be procured in this way is £1,351,745.
- 4.7 There are a further three commissions which are due to expire at the conclusion of the current Stage of the project. It is proposed to undertake a new procurement process to appoint a new supplier under the Council's new Professional Services Framework, to progress these projects towards their conclusion. Although these projects are already underway, they are currently at an earlier stage or the risk of abortive work is lower.
- 4.8 These projects are listed in Appendix 2 and the total estimated value of the work to be procured in this way is £188,892.

5. Next Steps

- 5.1 Subject to the approval of the recommendations in this report, work will commence, in conjunction with Commercial and Procurement Services, on commissioning the relevant supplier for the projects listed in Appendix 1, through direct award via the Scotland Excel Framework (or an alternative framework in the case of Capita Ltd).
- 5.2 For the projects outlined in Appendix 2, work will continue until the end of the current commission. Sourcing of a new supplier for future stages will be via the Council's new Professional Services Framework.

6. Financial impact

- 6.1 The total estimated value of the future work that is proposed to be procured by direct awards to the current supplier under the Scotland Excel framework is £1,351,745.
- 6.2 The total estimated value of the future work that is proposed to be procured for future Stages through the Council's Professional Services Framework is £188,892.
- 6.3 The specified projects are receiving funding through Sustrans' Places for Everyone (PfE) programme. Under this programme, the projects will receive 100% funding from Sustrans for design costs, provided that the designs incorporate a series of design principles and outcomes.

7. Stakeholder/Community Impact

- 7.1 Scotland Excel have confirmed that the Engineering and Consultancy Framework can facilitate direct awards in this manner.
- 7.2 There are no equalities or sustainability impacts directly arising as a result of this report.

8. Background reading/external references

- 8.1 None.

9. Appendices

- 9.1 Appendix 1 – List of projects where it is proposed to continue with existing supplier
- 9.2 Appendix 2 – List of projects where it is proposed to source through the new Professional Services Framework

Appendix 1: Projects Proposed to continue with existing supplier

Project	Consultant	Stage 0	Stage 1	Stage 2	Stage 3	Stage 4	Stage 5	Totals
Morrison Street	AECOM		£84,987.00	£80,726.00	£86,000.00	£105,000.00		£356,713.00
NEAT Connections	AECOM		£94,313.00	£107,000.00	£150,000.00	£150,000.00		£501,313.00
A8 - Gogarstone to Middle Norton	AECOM		£5,804.00	£7,986.00	£54,068.88	£40,000.00	£15,000.00	£122,858.88
Davidsons Mains	AECOM		£14,532.00	£43,795.00	£31,398.00	£15,000.00	£8,000.00	£112,725.00
Meadows to Union Canal	Capita		£20,400.00	£80,482.87	£33,630.00	£71,820.00	£75,000.00	£281,332.87
CCWEL	AECOM				£256,590.37	£933,079.00	£312,400.00	£1,502,069.37
QuietRoute 9	AECOM			£26,430.17	£36,742.67	£32,866.67	£28,516.00	£124,555.51
QR30 Holyrood Park to RCT	AECOM				£57,610.00	£40,000.00		£97,610.00
Meadows to Bread St	AECOM			£56,355.00	£40,603.00	£45,000.00		£141,958.00
QR51 St Leonards to Canongate	AECOM				£51,756.00	£26,500.00		£78,256.00
Tram Safety Improvements	AECOM					£47,852.00	£38,329.00	£86,181.00
One-Way Street Exemptions	AECOM	£10,264.00	£1,274.50	£6,455.00	£74,378.00	£16,852.00	£10,000.00	£119,223.50
QR5 Holyrood Park	AECOM				£51,756.00	£50,000.00		£101,756.00
Leith Connections	AECOM		£32,374.56	£44,059.00	£229,155.50	£130,352.00	£50,000.00	£485,941.06
Committed		£10,264.00	£253,685.06	£346,289.04	£917,688.42	£1,232,821.67		£2,760,748.19
To be Procured				£107,000.00	£236,000.00	£471,500.00	£537,245.00	£1,351,745.00
Total		£10,264.00	£253,685.06	£453,289.04	£1,153,688.42	£1,704,321.67	£537,245.00	£4,112,493.19

To be procured

Committed through existing FW

Procurement completed prior to April 2019

Appendix 2: Projects Proposed to be sourced through the new Professional Services Framework (at the completion of the current commission)

Project	Consultant	Stage 0	Stage 1	Stage 2	Stage 3	Stage 4	Stage 5	Totals
Dropped kerbs (Tranche 2)	AECOM	No Data	No Data	£7,996.00	£33,672.00	£4,460.00	£22,764.00	£68,892.00
Cultins Road	AECOM	£2,906.00	£11,177.00	£20,000.00	£30,000.00	£30,000.00		£94,083.00
QR8 Balgreen to Edinburgh Park	AECOM		£25,136.00	£29,122.00	£20,000.00	£20,000.00		£94,258.00
Committed		£2,906.00	£36,313.00	£29,122.00				£68,341.00
To be Procured				£27,996.00	£83,672.00	£54,460.00	£22,764.00	£188,892.00
Total		£2,906.00	£36,313.00	£57,118.00	£83,672.00	£54,460.00		£234,469.00

To be procured

Committed through existing FW

Procurement completed prior to April 2019