

**ASBESTOS CONSULTANCY RE-TENDER**

*To:* **Commercial and Investments Committee**

*Meeting Date:* **14<sup>th</sup> September 2018**

*From:* **Compliance Manager**

*Electoral division(s):* **All**

*Forward Plan ref:* **n/a** *Key decision:* **No**

*Purpose:* **To consider re-procurement of the Asbestos Consultancy Framework to ensure Cambridgeshire County Council meets its statutory responsibilities in accordance with the Control of Asbestos Regulations (2012).**

*Recommendation:* **The Committee is asked to:**

**a) Agree the re-tendering of the framework contract.**

**b) Delegate the authority to make the appointment to the Compliance Manager.**

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## **1. BACKGROUND**

- 1.1 Cambridgeshire County Council has a statutory responsibility to manage asbestos in its property portfolio including schools. Around 78 percent of these properties contain asbestos containing material. The Asbestos Consultancy framework supports the management of asbestos in these buildings to ensure compliance with the Control of Asbestos Regulations (2012).

## **2. MAIN ISSUES**

- 2.1 The current framework contract ends in August 2018. An exemption is being sought to extend use of the framework until December 2018, or another possible alternative is to use individual quotations per piece of work for this short period of time.
- 2.2 The current framework contract was let in August 2014 and, as per procurement rules, extended by one year in August 2017.
- 2.2 The delay to re-procurement was due to a change in asbestos regulation and guidance in respect to asbestos surveying and resources in both the Compliance and Procurement teams.
- 2.3 The framework is for eight asbestos consultants to provide re-inspections, management surveys, refurbishment and demolition surveys, air reassurance monitoring and 4-stage clearance certification.
- 2.4 The framework not only supports Cambridgeshire County Council in its management of asbestos but provides the Compliance Team with support with its commercial activities in providing asbestos consultancy for many external customers, such as Central Bedfordshire Council, Chelmsford City Council, Writtle College (University of Essex), and Cambridgeshire Constabulary, Cambridgeshire Fire and Rescue and 37 academies over Cambridgeshire, Hertfordshire and Bedfordshire.
- 2.5 The external commercial activities do not take precedence over the statutory responsibilities and the management of asbestos in Cambridgeshire County Council.
- 2.6 The total value of the contract over 4 years is £390,000.

## **3. ALIGNMENT WITH CORPORATE PRIORITIES**

- 3.1 **Developing the local economy for the benefit of all**  
There are no significant implications for this priority.
- 3.2 **Helping people live healthy and independent lives**  
There are no significant implications for this priority.
- 3.3 **Supporting and protecting vulnerable people**  
There are no significant implications for this priority.

#### 4. SIGNIFICANT IMPLICATIONS

##### 4.1 Resource Implications

The estimated spend is in point 2.5. The framework supports income generation.

##### 4.2 Procurement/Contractual/Council Contract Procedure Rules Implications

LGSS Procurement are engaged in managing the tender process.

##### 4.3 Statutory, Legal and Risk Implications

A failure to manage asbestos as per the required regulations may result in HSE prosecution, reputational damage and insurance claims.

##### 4.4 Equality and Diversity Implications

*There are no significant implications within this category.*

##### 4.5 Engagement and Communications Implications

*There are no significant implications within this category.*

##### 4.6 Localism and Local Member Involvement

*There are no significant implications within this category.*

##### 4.7 Public Health Implications

The management of asbestos to the level required by the Control of Asbestos Regulations (2012) ensures that staff and pupils are safe from asbestos exposure and risk.

Implications	Officer Clearance
Have the resource implications been cleared by Finance?	No (not required)
Have the procurement/contractual/Council Contract Procedure Rules implications been cleared by the LGSS Head of Procurement?	Yes Name of Officer: Jon Collyns (Procurement Manager)
Has the impact on statutory, legal and risk implications been cleared by LGSS Law?	No (not required)
Have the equality and diversity implications been cleared by your Service Contact?	No (not required)
Have any engagement and communication implications been cleared by Communications?	No (not required)

<b>Have any localism and Local Member involvement issues been cleared by your Service Contact?</b>	No (not required)
<b>Have any Public Health implications been cleared by Public Health</b>	No (not required)

## 5. SOURCE DOCUMENTS

<b>Source Documents</b>	<b>Location</b>
<b>Control of Asbestos Regulations (2012)</b>	<a href="http://www.hse.gov.uk">www.hse.gov.uk</a>