

Joint Procurement of Professional Services

To: **Economy and Environment Committee**

Meeting Date: **10 January 2019**

From: **Graham Hughes, Executive Director – Place and Economy**

Electoral divisions: **N/A**

Forward Plan ref: **N/A** *Key decision:* **No**

Purpose: **To consider the procurement of a Professional Services Contract/Framework for use by Cambridgeshire County Council, the Greater Cambridge Partnership and the Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Combined Authority, to support transport infrastructure delivery.**

Recommendation: **Committee are asked to:**

Approve commencement of procurement of a joint Professional Services Contract/Framework, to support transport infrastructure delivery, for use by the County Council, Greater Cambridge Partnership and Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Combined Authority.

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1. BACKGROUND

- 1.1 Cambridgeshire has experienced significant economic growth in recent years and the area makes an increasingly important contribution to the nation's economy. This economic growth, and attendant population growth, has placed an increased demand on infrastructure.
- 1.2 Significant levels of funding have been secured from a number of sources to invest in infrastructure and thereby ensure the continued economic success.
- 1.3 This funding has been made available through the Greater Cambridge Partnership (GCP) and Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Combined Authority (CPCA).
- 1.4 The GCP is responsible for the delivery of up £1bn worth of investment over 15 years to improve infrastructure and support the creation of new jobs, apprenticeships and houses.
- 1.5 The Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Combined Authority (CPCA), also incorporating the Greater Cambridge and Greater Peterborough Local Enterprise Partnership, is now the Transport Authority for Cambridgeshire and Peterborough. Under the Devolution deal, the combined eight local authorities in the area have powers to address strategic issues that span the Cambridgeshire and Peterborough region. The funds available to the CPCA are likely to be several billion pounds.
- 1.6 The various funding streams identified above aim to deliver a significant number of transport projects to transform transport infrastructure. In order to deliver these projects and thereby ensure continued economic success, access to a wide range of professional and technical services will be required. The services required cover the whole lifecycle of project delivery from inception through to construction and putting the completed projects into operation.

2. MAIN ISSUES

- 2.1 The projects to upgrade infrastructure in the area will be varied and include multi-modal solutions comprising highways, rail, cycle ways and emerging forms of transportation, such as autonomous vehicles and technology-based solutions. Consequently, the projects may often:
 - Be of high value
 - Be technically complex, innovative and challenging
 - Involve multiple stakeholders
 - Impact on high value and environmentally sensitive environments
 - Involve complex governance arrangements
- 2.2 It is therefore essential that the professional services to which the three organisations have access:
 - are comprehensive and wide-ranging
 - are of high quality and capable of delivering effective solutions
 - have sufficient capacity to deal with high volumes of work
 - are efficient and deliver value for money

- 2.3 Whilst the County Council has access to highways and transportation professional services through the recently procured Highway Services Contract, the primary function of this contract is focussed on the provision of highways services rather than transport consultancy services. It is not therefore able to provide the capacity necessary to support the scale of transport infrastructure coming forward.
- 2.4 Other national frameworks exist for the adhoc procurement of these services, however, this is not an efficient mechanism, does not necessarily deliver value for money and limits the development of longer term relationships necessary to support delivery of the programme of transport infrastructure.
- 2.5 Following discussions with the CPCA and the GCP, it is proposed to jointly procure a transport consultancy professional services contract/framework, which all three parties are able to draw on to support local delivery.
- 2.6 The expertise to carry out this procurement will be provided by the County Council via LGSS Procurement, Legal and officers, as well as its contract management once mobilised. This will be formally agreed between the three parties through a legal agreement.
- 2.7 The procurement is estimated to cost £300k-400k and the majority of these costs will be funded by the GCP and CPCA, based on the proportion of expected future use. The County Council will contribute up to £10k to the procurement, through the provision of resources that are covered within existing overheads. There will therefore be no revenue budget implications on the County Council with regard to this procurement.
- 2.8 The timescale for this procurement, incorporating a 3 month mobilisation period, is estimated to be 15 – 18 months.

3. ALIGNMENT WITH CORPORATE PRIORITIES

3.1 Developing the local economy for the benefit of all

The proposed procurement will facilitate effective delivery of schemes that enable growth and support the local economy. Transport schemes either provide direct improvements to the local road network or look to encourage a shift to sustainable transport modes. Managing congestion through infrastructure investment in this way will enable growth and support the local economy.

3.2 Helping people live healthy and independent lives

The proposed procurement will contribute to the delivery of transport infrastructure that should help improve accessibility and as such help people live healthy and independent lives by improving cycling and pedestrian facilities and sustainable transport.

3.3 Supporting and protecting vulnerable people

Transport infrastructure should help improve accessibility to services through active, safe, affordable and sustainable means for vulnerable people

4. SIGNIFICANT IMPLICATIONS

4.1 Resource Implications

The procurement will be carried out by LGSS Procurement, in conjunction with officers from the County Council. External support from a consultant will also be procured, to provide expertise and resource to ensure the procurement is completed as efficiently and effectively as possible, whilst minimising resource pressures on the County Council. The costs of the procurement will be shared between CCC, GCP and CPCA in accordance with 2.7 above.

4.2 Procurement/Contractual/Council Contract Procedure Rules Implications

The Professional Service Contract/Framework will be procured in accordance with OJEU and Cambridgeshire County Council contract procedure rules and managed by LGSS Procurement.

4.3 Statutory, Legal and Risk Implications

The procurement will be supported by LGSS Law.

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

There are no significant implications within this category.

Implications	Officer Clearance
Have the resource implications been cleared by Finance?	Yes Name of Financial Officer: Sarah Heywood
Have the procurement/contractual/ Council Contract Procedure Rules implications been cleared by the LGSS Head of Procurement?	Yes Name of Officer: Paul White
Has the impact on statutory, legal and risk implications been cleared by LGSS Law?	Yes Name of Legal Officer: Fiona McMillan
Have the equality and diversity implications been cleared by your Service Contact?	Yes Name of Officer: Elsa Evans
Have any engagement and communication implications been cleared by Communications?	Yes Name of Officer: Jo Shilton
Have any localism and Local Member involvement issues been cleared by your Service Contact?	Yes Name of Officer: Andrew Preston
Have any Public Health implications been cleared by Public Health	Yes Name of Officer: Stuart Keeble

Source Documents	Location
None	