

Insurance and Claims Handling Contract

REPORT TO; the Corporate Director Strategic Resources; Gary Fielding

DECISION DATE: 12th May 2022

SUPPORTING ANNEX; This report includes a supporting Annex which contains exempt information as described in paragraphs 3 and 5 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A to the Local Government Act 1972 (as amended).

PROPOSED RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Authority proceed with a tender via the YPO Insurance Placement 978 Framework to procure replacement insurance and associated claims handling provisions for the County Council and the seven District Councils who will form the new Council from 1st April 2023. Estimated value for this procurement is £3,782,379 per annum with the aim of an initial 3 year agreement with 2 x 1 year extension options.

BACKGROUND TO SUPPORT THE RECOMMENDATION

This is a re-procurement of existing separate insurance provisions that are in place for the County Council and the seven District Councils, which will all cease on 31st March 2023. The tender will replace the separate insurance provisions with one set of insurance policies (including claims handling for Casualty and Motor Liability) for the new Council from 1st April 2023 due to Local Government Reorganisation (LGR).

LEGAL AND GOVERNANCE COMPLIANCE

As per the Council's Procurement and Contract Procedure Rules, Rule 11 states;

11.1 Tenders for Contracts which exceed the UK Procurement Threshold shall be invited and awarded in accordance with the PCRs.

As per Rule 16.3, a Director does not need to invite Above Threshold Tenders in accordance with Rule 11 and 12, in the following circumstances:

- purchases via Framework Agreements which have been established either by the Council or by other public sector bodies or consortia (including, but not limited to PSBO's) and where such Framework Agreements are lawfully accessible to the Council.

The contract will be awarded via the YPO 978 Insurance Placement Framework Agreement. This is a compliant route to market and complies with the Public Contract Regulations 2015.

RECOMMENDATION

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