

NORTH YORKSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

DECISION RECORD

Re: Winter Equipment Framework

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This form should be used to record:

- **EXECUTIVE decisions (key or otherwise) taken by an individual Executive MEMBER; and**
- **EXECUTIVE decisions (key or otherwise) taken by an OFFICER (either alone or in consultation with an Executive Member)**
- **A non-Executive decision taken by an OFFICER which falls into one of the following descriptions:-**
 - (i) under a specific express authorisation; or**
 - (ii) under a general authorisation to officers to take such decisions and, the effect of the decision is to**
 - **grant a permission or licence;**
 - **affect the rights of an individual; or**
 - **award a contract or incur expenditure which, in either case, materially affects that relevant local government body's financial position.**

(One form per decision)

The following decision has been taken: -

To proceed with a procurement to establish a Winter Equipment Framework. The Framework will comprise 17 Lots, covering the array of equipment the Council requires to undertake critical repairs and maintenance in the Winter season.

The estimated Framework value is £480,000.
The Framework duration is 4 years.

By whom: David Bowe, Corporate Director – Business & Environmental Services

On: 26 June 2020

Was this an executive decision?

YES

If an executive decision, was it also a key decision?

NO

Reasons for decision: -

North Yorkshire is England's largest county, with approximately 8500 kilometres of roads. The Council is responsible for the maintenance of all publically maintainable highways that do not fall within the remit of Highways England (motorways and trunk roads). This responsibility is currently divided between seven highways area offices and an external contractor. A vast range of equipment, vehicles, people, and technical skills are required to undertake this task.

It is essential that an arrangement is in place ahead of the next winter season to ensure the appropriate equipment is available in time in order to undertake those repairs and maintenance, therefore maintaining services and minimising risk and disruption to North Yorkshire residents.

Due to the varied and technical range of equipment required, it is recommended to undertake an open procedure in order to establish a framework agreement with one, or multiple suppliers. This approach offers the best opportunity for the Council's full range of requirements to be met in the time available.

Details of any alternative options considered and rejected: -

The purchase of the full range of requirements through YPO was considered. Unfortunately, following conversations with category buyers across three potential framework agreements, it was clear that this was not a viable alternative arrangement as the full range of equipment required could not be purchased. In addition, a number of extra complications such as different framework expiry dates and purchasing mechanisms made the arrangement more complex.

Conflicts of Interest

Please record below details of any conflict of interest declared by a Member or Officer regarding the decision and any dispensation granted by the Standards Committee or Monitoring Officer in respect of that conflict.

Conflict	Dispensation
None	N/A

Background Papers

Please attach to this decision notice, for publication, the background papers that disclose any facts or matters on which this decision, or an important part of the decision, was based and which were relied on to a material extent in making the decision, but this does not include published works or those which disclose exempt or confidential information (as defined in Rule 10).

Signed

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DAVID BOWE

Directorate

Business & Environmental Services

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Note 2: non-executive and non-key executive decisions by Officers are not subject to call in.

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To: The PA to the Assistant Chief Executive (Legal and Democratic Services) - for onward circulation to:

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