

NORTH YORKSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

DECISION RECORD

Re: Provision of Testing for Selective Schools – award of construction contract for roofing works

This record is produced in accordance with the Local Authorities (Executive Arrangements)(Meetings and Access to Information)(England) Regulations 2012

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 award a contract to GL Assessments utilising CPR 16.1 (e) for the provision of testing for Selective Schools in North Yorkshire.

The contract is for a period of 24 months from 1st July 2020 to 30th June 2022 with an approximate value of £32k per annum.

By whom:

Stuart Carlton, Corporate Director, Children and Young People's Service

On: 2nd June 2020

Was this an executive decision?

YES

*If an executive decision, was it also a key decision?
by an officer, this decision is not open to a call in)*

NO (as a non-key decision)

Reasons for decision: -

Until recently, there were two schools on the scheme; Ermysted's Grammar School (EGS) and Ripon Grammar School (RGS). Now, only Ripon Grammar School are on the scheme as Ermysted's Grammar School are purchasing the testing themselves with no further input required from the Authority.

An agreement has been in place with GL Assessments (GLA) since 2013 for the provision of selection testing and administration. The original agreement ended on 30 April 2018 and was extended using Regulation 72(1) (e) of the Public Contract Regulations 2015, by a further 2 years on a 1 + 1 basis. This further extension ended on 30 April 2020.

Whilst Ripon Grammar School still plan to utilise the Authority with the school taking on more of the responsibility. It is also proposed that the school will purchase the testing via budget transfer from the Authority, negating the need for the Authority to undertake any procurement of testing for selective schools in future.

Before any changes can be formally made to the testing scheme, the school, supported by the local authority would be obligated to undertake a formal consultation. This has been delayed by the Covid-19 lockdown. As no changes can be made to the scheme without prior consultation and there is a need to continue purchasing the tests from GLA until such time that consultation on changes to the scheme has taken place.

Details of any alternative options considered and rejected: -

None.

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	None

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

Publication Date: 10 July 2020

Stuart Carlton
Corporate Director – Children and Young
People's Service

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in by notice in writing (including e-mail) to The Assistant Chief Executive (Legal and Democratic Services).

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

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