

## **Property Consultancy Contract Extension**

**REPORT TO;** The Corporate Director, Strategic Resources

**DECISION DATE:** 21<sup>st</sup> October 2020

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

### **PROPOSED RECOMMENDATION**

To extend the current contract with Align Property Partners effective from 1<sup>st</sup> November 2020.

### **BACKGROUND TO SUPPORT THE RECOMMENDATION**

The Council currently has a consultancy service for property projects and estate services via a contract with Align Property Partners, a wholly owned company established on the 1<sup>st</sup> November 2016. The current contract uses the NEC3 Professional Services Contract and runs until 31<sup>st</sup> October 2020, with an option to extend for a further 5 years. The Council's Property Services are proposing to extend the current contract for up to a 12-month period, pending a further review of the contract terms and working arrangements.

### **LEGAL AND GOVERNANCE COMPLIANCE**

Align Property Partners is a Teckal company therefore the Council can directly award this contract to Align Property Partners as it is a wholly owned subsidiary without the need for a procurement under the Public Contracts Regulations 2015.

A Gateway 4 report will be considered in accordance with the Council's Procurement and Contract Procedure Rules.

This is a key decision. The proposal to extend the contract was entered on the forward plan in October 2020.

### **RECOMMENDATION**

That the extension to the Property Consultants Contract for up to a 12-month period be approved.