

GROCERIES & CHILLED

REPORT TO; Corporate Director Strategic Resources; Gary Fielding.

DECISION DATE: Wednesday 25th March 2020

SUPPORTING ANNEX; None

PROPOSED RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Authority continue to utilise YPO for the provision of groceries and chilled products via the YPO UK Food Deal. It is proposed that the agreement is in place for a period of 2 years, 01 April 2020 – 31 March 2022.

BACKGROUND TO SUPPORT THE RECOMMENDATION

The Building Cleaning (BCS) and Grounds Maintenance (GM) services joined with the County Catering (CC) team under the overall management of Head of Traded Services. All three services are traded via NYES, primarily, but not exclusively, with schools.

The Catering Traded Service is responsible for providing produce to all Elderly Persons Homes (EPH's), Outdoor Education Centres (OEC's) and schools, where they subscribe to the traded service.

The current contract for this provision was awarded by direct award to YPO via the YPO UK Food Deal in 2018.

A benchmarking exercise was undertaken in November 2019 with suppliers on Lot 1 and 6 of the YPO UK Food Deal. Results from the benchmarking exercise show that purchasing via the YPO catalogue presents best value in terms of cost.

LEGAL AND GOVERNANCE COMPLIANCE

As per the Authority's Procurement and Contract Procedure Rules, Rule 16.1 states;

A Director does not need to invite bids in accordance with Rule 9 in the following circumstances: -

- (a) 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 PSBOs) and where such framework agreements are lawfully accessible to the Council.

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Authority continue to utilise YPO for the provision of groceries and chilled products via the YPO UK Food Deal. This will enable the

Authority to continue to provide produce to all Elderly Persons Homes (EPH's), Outdoor Education Centres (OEC's) and schools, where they subscribe to the traded service.