

DECISION NO: PCCG-2020-060	
OFFICE OF THE POLICE AND CRIME COMMISSIONER	
LEAD CHIEF OFFICER:	Nigel Stephens - Assistant Chief Officer Resources
TITLE:	Engagement of a Main Construction Contractor to progress the New Abergavenny Hub
DATE:	15th March 2021
TIMING:	Urgent
PURPOSE:	For Approval
1.	<u>RECOMMENDATION</u>
1.1	<p>It is recommended that Willmott Dixon are appointed as the main Construction contractor for the Abergavenny Hub, utilising the 'Places for People – Major Projects Hub' framework number DN298568. It is a national framework owned by Procurement Hub.</p> <p>This is in accordance with the Manual of Governance (sections 20-24 of Part 3e Standing Orders Relating to Contracts).</p>
2.	<u>INTRODUCTION & BACKGROUND</u>
2.1	It was agreed at the Estates Strategy Board on 27 th November 2020, that Gwent Police would build a new Abergavenny Hub.
2.2	An estimated budget for the project has been agreed and a plot of land has been identified for the location of the new Hub.
2.3	The Procurement Department completed a scoping exercise of framework arrangements available for Gwent Police to use. A final procurement options paper was presented to the Abergavenny Hub Board on 15 th March 2021, which also included other route to market options available in addition to the use of this framework. At the same Board meeting, it was agreed to use of the Major Projects Hub Framework let by Procurement Hub.
2.4	Procurement Hub are a procurement consortium that is part of Places for People Group, one of the UK's largest property management, development and regeneration companies.
2.5	The framework was established following an open procurement process (OJEU Reference Works - 47577-2018) and was awarded solely to Willmott Dixon. As the framework is awarded to only one supplier, there is no requirement to carry

	out any further competition. In order to ensure that value for money is achieved for the project, the works packages that are to be subcontracted shall be subject to a competitive tendering process led by the main contractor. The Project Management team shall be involved in the development and evaluation of these subcontractor tenders.
2.6	The framework has been reviewed by the Force's Procurement Department, to ensure this is a compliant route to market.
3.	<u>ISSUES FOR CONSIDERATION</u>
3.1	There is a 0.5% fee associated with using this framework, which will be built into the final agreed contract price.
3.2	The project team has been established with internal and external representatives.
4.	<u>NEXT STEPS</u>
4.1	Upon approval to proceed has been agreed, the project team will engage with the Contractor to produce a (free) feasibility report which would detail the proposed costs for review.
4.2	Upon the approval of this feasibility report, a further report will then be submitted for approval to the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner (OPCC).
5.	<u>FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS</u>
5.1	It is not possible to confirm the exact contract value at this time, as the contractor will need to complete the feasibility study which will then need to be agreed by the project team. However, the estimated budget for this project of £3.5m has been incorporated within the Capital Programme element of the Medium-Term Financial Projections
6.	<u>PERSONNEL CONSIDERATIONS</u>
6.1	N/A
7.	<u>LEGAL IMPLICATIONS</u>
7.1	A Legal review of the call off contract will be completed by an external provider.
7.2	The call off contract is in the form of an NEC4 contract.
8.	<u>EQUALITIES AND HUMAN RIGHTS CONSIDERATIONS</u>

8.1	<p>This report has been considered against the general duty to promote equality, as stipulated under the Strategic Equality Plan and has been assessed not to discriminate against any particular group.</p> <p>Consideration has been given to requirements of the Articles contained in the European Convention on Human Rights and the Human Rights Act 1998 in preparing this report.</p>
9.	<u>RISK</u>
9.3	The budgeted costs are only estimated at this stage. Following appointment of the main Contractor, a feasibility study will be completed and provided for review and final costs will be agreed.
9.4	Currently, there is no permanent base for police officers in Abergavenny. Police presence is provided however, through a Station Enquiry Officer who is co-located with partners within the town centre. Gwent Police's mission is to protect and reassure communities and not having a permanent operational policing base in Abergavenny, will have a negative impact on the community and fail deliver effective policing services. A new operational policing base in Abergavenny (to complement the town centre provision), is needed as soon as possible and awarding the contract using the direct award framework is the most efficient, effective and compliant way to engage with the contractor and complete the project.
10.	<u>PUBLIC INTEREST</u>
10.1	This document will be made available to the public on the Police and Crime Commissioner's website.
11.	<u>CONTACT OFFICER</u>
11.1	Sian Gunner, Procurement Manager
12.	<u>ANNEXES</u>
12.1	N/A

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Office of the Chief Constable

I confirm that the Engagement of a Main Construction Contractor to progress the New Abergavenny Hub report has been discussed and approved at a formal Chief Officers' meeting.

It is now forwarded to the OPCC for approval purposes.



Signature:

Date: 17.03.2021

Police and Crime Commissioner for Gwent

I confirm that I have considered whether or not I have any personal or prejudicial interest in this matter and take the proposed decision in compliance with the Code of Conduct.

The above request has my approval.

Signature:



Date: 19.03.21