

Record of Delegated Executive Decision(s)

1. Subject of decision

Contract for the Provision of:

- Goods and Services required for the Furnished Tenancy Scheme and other ad-hoc related requirements across all areas of the Authority

Authority to award contract to successful tenderer from Lot 3 of NEPO 411 Framework Agreement for Furniture

2. Name and Title of Decision Maker

Phil Scott, Director of Environment, Housing & Leisure

3. Details of any Conflict of Interest and any Dispensation granted in respect of such Interest

None

4. Executive summary

The Authority undertakes a wide variety of duties and delivers a vast range of services to the people of North Tyneside via third parties. In turn this means that the Authority continues to spend a significant proportion of its budget on goods and services. In accordance with Contract Standing Order 8(6), as the procurements identified in appendix 1 to the Cabinet Report dated 4th April 2021 will exceed individually £500,000, this report seeks approval to proceed with relevant procurement exercises throughout the financial year and award contracts in accordance with UK public procurement legislation to the most advantageous tenders. This will ensure contracts are procured efficiently and ensure value for money is achieved.

This report seeks authority to award the contract(s) to the successful contractors for the Provision of:

- Goods & Services required for the Provision of the Authority's Furnished Tenancy Scheme together with any other Ad-Hoc related requirement across the Authority

5. Alternative Options considered

Not to approve the recommendation in paragraph 1 of this report and commence a new procurement process.

6. Decision(s)

To approve the recommendation in paragraph 1. of this report and award contract via call off from NEPO411 Framework Agreement to the supplier who represent the most economically advantageous.

7. Reasons for the Decision(s)

Time and cost have been reduced by the Authority's participation in the NEPO411 Framework Agreement for Furniture. Under Lot 3 – Residential Furniture the Authority's incumbent supplier along with three others were successfully awarded a place on the Framework. The Framework retains the facility for Authority's to Direct Award should a Contracting Authority establish that their chosen supplier best meets requirements. One of the three other suppliers are familiar with the type of scheme that this Authority offers alongside the incumbent with the other two potentially capable but more project based at this time e.g. Re-fits of Student Accommodation. Nevertheless, to further justify Direct Award there are 7 items from the Core Pricelist that NEPO evaluated their bids upon which directly relate to those which feature on North Tyneside's Scheme. Therefore based on previous annual usage Prices for this basket of goods were compared with those from the other suppliers in this 'Lot' The evaluation of this basket of goods shows the lowest priced bidder is our incumbent and most economically advantageous to the Authority. This is based on their response to the Tender exercise resulting in their appointment to the Framework. Subsequently confirmation of acceptance of our particular scheme specification and the response provided. If a new procurement process is commenced this will delay the implementation of the new contracts and may have an impact on service provision.

8. Date Decision Made

27 October 2021

9. Is this decision subject to call-in and if so expiry date of call-in period

Yes, the call-in period will expire at 5pm on Friday 5 November 2021.

10. Date of Publication

29 October 2021.

11. Implementation Date (if decision not called in)

After 5.00pm on 5 November 2021.