

Officer Non Key Executive Decision

Relevant Chief Officer (Decision Maker):	John Blackledge, Director of Community and Environmental Services
Relevant Cabinet Members (for consultation purposes):	Cllr Campbell, Cllr Cain, Cllr Jackson, Cllr Cross
Report Author (Officer name and title):	Karen Hodgson, Contracts Officer
Implementation Date of Decision:	13 June 2018

FRAMEWORK AGREEMENT FOR THE TRANSPORTATION OF CHILDREN, YOUNG PEOPLE AND ADULTS

1.0 Purpose of the report:

- 1.1 To approve the appointment of a number of suppliers to join a framework agreement for the Transportation of Children, Young People and Adults, following an OJEU (Official Journal of the European Union) tendering exercise.

2.0 Recommendation(s):

- 2.1 To confirm the appointment of the listed suppliers to the framework agreement for the Transportation of Children, Young People and Adults as follows:-
- Abacas Travel, 7 Station Road, Singleton, Poulton-le-Fylde FY6 8LG
 - Ace Radio Cabs Ltd, 122a Victoria Road West, Thornton Cleveleys FY5 3LG
 - Blacktax Radio Taxis Ltd, 71 Redbank Road, Blackpool FY2 9HX
 - Gary Brown, 16 Ravenwood Avenue, South Shore, Blackpool FY4 2LT
 - Red Cab Taxis Ltd, 6 Caunce Street, Blackpool FY1 3DN
 - Collin's Travel, 15 St Clements Avenue, Blackpool FY3 8LT
 - D Kirkham Taxis, 100 Ashfield Road, Blackpool FY2 0EN
 - Preston Bus Ltd/Hallmark Coaches, Hallbridge Way, Tipton Road, Tivedale, West Midlands B69 3HW
 - Gary Kirkham Taxis, 4 Hollytree Avenue, Blackpool FY4 5GW
 - Highfield Travel, 12 Balham Avenue Blackpool FY4 3QP
 - Trojan Travel, 1 Grange Road, St Annes on Sea FY8 2BN
 - Leisure Travel, 290 Hardhorn Road, Poulton-le-Fylde FY6 8DW
 - MCX, 25 Chequers Way, Thornton Cleveleys FY5 4FS
 - RadioJcabs, 156 Central Drive, Blackpool FY1 5EA

- RedRaw Travel Ltd, Studio 1, Clifton Trade Park, Brinwell Road, Blackpool FY4 4QU

3.0 Reasons for recommendation(s):

- 3.1 A formal OJEU tendering exercise was undertaken during April and May 2018, in order to select a number of contractors to join the framework agreement for the Transportation of Children, Young People and Adults. The Council invited tenders through its electronic portal (The Chest), by carrying out an open tender process.

31 Suppliers registered an interest and 15 submitted a tender response. After the evaluation stage all 15 met the requirements of the evaluation criteria and it is the intention to enter into a formal agreement.

- 3.2a Is the recommendation contrary to a plan or strategy adopted or approved by the Council? No

- 3.2b Is the recommendation in accordance with the Council's approved budget? Yes

- 3.3 Other alternative options to be considered:

None.

4.0 Council Priority:

- 4.1 The relevant Council Priority is

- "The economy: Maximising growth and opportunity across Blackpool"
- "Communities: Creating stronger communities and increasing resilience"

5.0 Background Information

- 5.1 The Authority's Integrated Transport Service co-ordinates a range of transport services for Children, Young People and Adults, (many of whom may have Special Educational Needs) along with our assigned Passenger Assistants to and from various educational establishments throughout the Borough and beyond.

- 5.2 Blackpool Council invited applications from suitably qualified providers interested in joining a framework agreement. The Framework will be used to call-off from time to time to provide services for the Transportation of Children, Young People and Adults.

5.3 All providers who meet and pass the exclusion and selection criteria will be awarded a Contract and admitted to the Framework.

5.4 It is anticipated that the framework will be valid for 4 years on a 2 plus 1 plus 1 year basis.

5.5 The Council makes no guarantee as to the number of Route Schedules that will be awarded to any Provider during the term of the Framework Agreement.

5.6 Following the establishment of the Framework the Route Schedules will be called-off either by direct award or via a mini-competition.

5.5 Does the information submitted include any exempt information? No

5.6 **List of Appendices:**

None.

6.0 Legal considerations:

6.1 The procurement exercise has been carried out in line with the Contract Procedure Rules and Public contract Regulations 2015 and authority has been sought from the Head of Procurement. The Council will enter into formal contracts with the successful suppliers.

7.0 Human Resources considerations:

7.1 TUPE did not apply to this contract.

8.0 Equalities considerations:

8.1 None.

9.0 Financial considerations:

9.1 The approximate annual value of the contract is £557,000.

10.0 Risk management considerations:

10.1 The Council's Transport Services for Children, Young People and Adults are a fundamental requirement to ensure that children with Special Educational Needs are safely transported to school and to provide reassurance to Young People and Adults that their transport is reliable and safe.

10.2 Without this service, vulnerable Young People and Adults could potentially lose out on essential educational needs.

11.0 Ethical considerations:

11.1 The named suppliers have signed Blackpool Council's Supplier Charter which includes a commitment to consider how they can make a positive contribution to improve the economic, social and environmental well-being of Blackpool in order to help achieve Blackpool Council's priorities.

12.0 Internal/ External Consultation undertaken:

12.1 Key internal stakeholders were engaged in the process.

13.0 Decision of Chief Officer

13.1 To approve the appointment of the suppliers named at 2.1.

14.0 Reasons for the Decision of the Chief Officer

14.1 The suppliers named in 2.1 met the requirements as set out in the tender process to be admitted to the framework agreement.