

Officer Non Key Executive Decision

Relevant Chief Officer (Decision Maker):	Steve Thompson, Director of Resources
Relevant Cabinet Member (for consultation purposes):	Councillor Fred Jackson, Cabinet Member for Environment, Transport and Climate Change
Report Author (Officer name and title):	Cath Bagley, Deputy Head of Procurement and Projects
Implementation Date of Decision:	10 June 2019

PROVISION OF WATER AUTOMATIC METER READING DATA READING SERVICE

1.0 Purpose of the report:

- 1.1 To seek approval to appoint HWM Water Limited for the provision of water automatic meter reading data service.

2.0 Recommendation(s):

- 2.1 To approve the appointment of HWM Water Limited for the provision of water automatic meter reading data service commencing on 1 July 2019 until 30 June 2024.

3.0 Reasons for recommendation(s):

- 3.1 An open, non-OJEU tender process was carried out using the Council's e-tendering portal, The Chest to identify the most suitable provider to deliver the requirements of the services.

- 3.2 Tender submissions were received from:

- Energy metering Technology Limited (Berkshire)
- HWM Water Limited (Cwmbran, Wales)
- RS Hydro (Worcestershire)
- Water plus Limited (Staffordshire)

- 3.3 The tender submitted from HWM Water Limited represented the most advantageous submission for the Council.

The tender submissions were evaluated by a panel consisting of representatives from the Council's Energy Management Team. The evaluation exercise was facilitated by

the Council's Procurement Team.

3.4a	Is the recommendation contrary to a plan or strategy adopted or approved by the Council?	No
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3.4b	Is the recommendation in accordance with the Council's approved budget?	Yes
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3.5 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".

5.0 Background Information

5.1 Blackpool Council consumes approximately 150,000 cubic metres of water per year and wishes to become an exemplar in water efficiency and management and as such wish to install Automatic Meter Reading (AMR devices) to its water meter portfolio of approximately 160 meter positions.

5.2 It is anticipated that the installation of AMR devices will reduce waste, improve efficiency and eliminate estimated readings for efficient accurate billing, supporting its Water Self Supply licence.

5.3 The Council is looking for a provider to be responsible for a data provision service and the maintenance of that data provision throughout the contracting period.

5.4	Does the information submitted include any exempt information?	No
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5.5 List of Appendices:

None.

6.0 Legal considerations:

6.1 A formal tender process has been undertaken in line with the Public Contract Regulations 2015 and in accordance with Blackpool Council Contract Procedure Rules and in consultation with the Head of Procurement. Blackpool Council will enter into a formal agreement with HWM Water Limited.

7.0 Human Resources considerations:

7.1 None.

8.0 Equalities considerations:

8.1 None.

9.0 Financial considerations:

9.1 The costs of delivery of the contract will be met from existing utility budgets.

10.0 Risk management considerations:

10.1 The contract will be managed by the Council's Energy management Team.

11.0 Ethical considerations:

11.1 The Provider will sign up to Blackpool Council's Supplier Charter.

12.0 Internal/ External Consultation undertaken:

12.1 Consultation has taken place with the Council's Energy and Utilities Board.

13.0 Decision of Chief Officer

13.1 To approve HWM Water Limited as the Provider for the provision of water automatic meter reading data services commencing on 1 July 2019 until 30 June 2024.

14.0 Reasons for the Decision of the Chief Officer

14.1 HWM Water Limited provided the most advantageous tender for the provision of water automatic meter reading data services.