

Officer Non Key Executive Decision

Relevant Chief Officer (Decision Maker):	Alan Cavill, Director of Communications and Regeneration
Relevant Cabinet Member (for consultation purposes):	Councillor Mark Smith, Cabinet Member for Business, Enterprise and Job Creation
Report Author (Officer name and title):	Fraser Cavill, Corporate Procurement and Project Officer
Implementation Date of Decision:	24 December 2019

Appointment of an Architectural Consultant to Advise on Projects at Blackpool Airport Enterprise Zone

1.0 Purpose of the report:

- 1.1 To confirm the outcome of the recent tender exercise undertaken for the Framework Agreement relating to the Appointment of an Architectural Consultant to undertake various projects in relation to Blackpool Airport Enterprise Zone.

2.0 Recommendation(s):

- 2.1 To approve the appointment of Cassidy and Ashton Limited. (Preston) as an Architectural Consultant to undertake various projects in relation to Blackpool Airport Enterprise Zone.

3.0 Reasons for recommendation(s):

- 3.1 A formal tendering exercise was undertaken between October and November in order to select a provider to undertake the services for a period of 1 year with the option to extend for a further 1 plus 1 plus 1 year.

The Council conducted an open OJEU tender via our electronic tendering portal, The Chest.

Tender submissions were received from:

- 3DReid Limited (London)
- 5Plus Architects (Manchester)
- Barton Willmore (Reading)
- Cassidy and Ashton Limited (Preston)
- Chapman Taylor (London)
- D5 Architects LLP (Birmingham)

Design Group Chester (Chester)
 Fairhursts Design Group (Manchester)
 Gebler Tooth Architects (London)
 Gensler Europe Limited (London)
 Greenwell Design Limited (Newcastle)
 HKS Architects Limited (London)
 IBI Group (UK) Limited (Manchester)
 IDOM (London)
 Mott MacDonald Limited (Surrey)
 RPS (Oxford)
 Scott Brownrigg (London)
 Stephen George and Partners (Leicester)
 The Harris Partnership Limited (Wakefield)
 Wilson Mason LLP (Samlesbury)

Cassidy and Ashton Limited provided the most economically advantageous tender (based on a combination of price, quality and social value) and it is therefore, the Council's intention to enter into a formal agreement with them.

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".

5.0 Background Information

5.1 As part of the Enterprise Zone development, the infrastructure at Blackpool Airport is being replaced or upgraded. Therefore, there is a requirement to appoint an architect to develop the necessary designs prior to the commencement of any construction work.

5.2 Does the information submitted include any exempt information? No

6.0 Legal considerations:

6.1 The process was undertaken in line with Public Contract Regulations 2015 and is in line with the Council's Contract Procedure Rules. Authority has been sought from the Head of Procurement. The Council will enter into a contract with Cassidy and Ashton Limited.

7.0 Human Resources considerations:

7.1 None.

8.0 Equalities considerations:

8.1 None.

9.0 Financial considerations:

9.1 The cost of this contract will be met from current Enterprise Zone budget.

10.0 Risk management considerations:

10.1 None.

11.0 Ethical considerations:

11.1 Cassidy and Ashton Limited has signed Blackpool Council's Supplier Charter.

12.0 Internal/ External Consultation undertaken:

12.1 None.

13.0 Decision of Chief Officer

13.1 To approve the appointment of Cassidy and Ashton Limited (Preston) as an Architectural Consultant to undertake various projects in relation to Blackpool Airport Enterprise Zone.

14.0 Reasons for the Decision of the Chief Officer

14.1 Cassidy and Ashton Limited has provided the most economically advantageous tender based on a combination of quality, price and social value.