

## Officer Non Key Executive Decision

<b>Relevant Chief Officer (Decision Maker):</b>	Neil Jack
<b>Relevant Cabinet Member (for consultation purposes):</b>	Cllr Mark Smith
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<b>Implementation Date of Decision:</b>	23 October 2020

### Multiversity Campus, Blackpool: Masterplan and Delivery Plan

#### 1.0 Purpose of the report:

- 1.1 To confirm the outcome of the recent tender exercise undertaken to commission a multi-disciplinary consultant team to prepare a comprehensive 'Masterplan and Delivery Plan' for a Multiversity Campus in Blackpool.

#### 2.0 Recommendation(s):

- 2.1 To approve the appointment of Hawkins Brown Design Limited for the provision of these services.

#### 3.0 Reasons for recommendation(s):

- 3.1 A formal tendering exercise commenced in August 2020 to select a single consultant team to undertake the commission between October 2020 and September 2021.

The Council, in partnership with Blackpool and the Fylde College, conducted an open tender via our electronic tendering portal, The Chest.

Compliant tender submissions were received from 20 bidders:

Five Plus Architects Limited (Manchester)  
7N Architects LLP (Edinburgh)  
AHR Architects Ltd (London)  
Atkins Limited (Epsom)  
Building Design Partnership Limited (BDP) (Manchester)  
Broadway Malyan (London)  
Cassidy + Ashton Group Ltd (Preston)

Feilden Clegg Bradley Studios (Bath)  
 Gardiner & Theobald LLP (London)  
 Glancy Nicholls Architects Ltd (Birmingham)  
 Hawkins Brown Design Limited (London)  
 Haworth Tompkins (London)  
 Just H Architects (Manchester)  
 LDA Design Consulting Ltd (Peterborough)  
 Leach Rhodes Walker Ltd (Manchester)  
 MCW Architects (Cambridge)  
 Ryder Architecture Limited (Newcastle upon Tyne)  
 Cushman & Wakefield Debenham Tie Leung Limited (London)  
 Sheppard Robson Architects LLP (London)  
 TACE Manchester Limited (Cheadle Hulme)

Hawkins Brown Design Limited provided the most economically advantageous tender (based on a combination of price, quality and social value) and it is therefore, our 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 Council's Growth and Prosperity programme, the Council working in partnership with Blackpool and the Fylde College (B&FC), will commission a multi-disciplinary consultant team to prepare a comprehensive 'Masterplan and Delivery Plan' for a Multiversity Campus adjacent to the Talbot Gateway Central Business District on the edge of Blackpool Town Centre.

A key output from the Masterplan study is to provide the evidence base to inform designations and policies for the Talbot Gateway Central Business District adjacent areas within the new Blackpool Local Plan and to develop the business case for an application to the 'Towns Fund'.

Does the information submitted include any exempt information?

No

**List of Appendices:**

None

**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 Hawkins Brown Design Limited, a copy of which will be retained on the Council's Contracts Register.

**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 shared by the Council (through the existing Growth and Prosperity budget/Towns Fund) and Blackpool and Fylde College).

**10.0 Risk management considerations:**

10.1 None

**11.0 Ethical considerations:**

11.1 None

**12.0 Internal/ External Consultation undertaken:**

12.1 N/A

**13.0 Decision of Chief Officer**

13.1 To approve the appointment of Hawkins Brown Design Limited.

**14.0 Reasons for the Decision of the Chief Officer**

14.1 Hawkins Brown Design Limited's tender provided the best overall proposal for successful delivery of the commission, and the most economically advantageous tender on balance of price, quality and social value.