

## Officer Non Key Executive Decision

<b>Relevant Chief Officer (Decision Maker):</b>	Alan Cavill, Director of Communications and Regeneration
<b>Relevant Cabinet Member (for consultation purposes):</b>	Councillor Jim Hobson, Cabinet Member for Environment and Climate Change
<b>Report Author (Officer name and title):</b>	Trish Rimmer, Senior Corporate Procurement and Projects Officer
<b>Implementation Date of Decision:</b>	23 November 2020

### HOSTILE VEHICLE MITIGATION (HVM) AND COUNTER TERRORISM (CT) CONSULTANT

#### 1.0 Purpose of the report:

- 1.1 To confirm the outcome of the market tender exercise undertaken for Hostile Vehicle Mitigation (HVM) and Counter Terrorism (CT) consultant – to undertake a town-wide HVM and CT strategy and retention of services to support further stages from scheme concept to implementation.

Blackpool Council wishes to appoint MFD International for the contract under a Consultant's form of contract.

#### 2.0 Recommendation(s):

- 2.1 To approve the appointment of MFD International for the above work.

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

- 3.1 A formal tendering exercise was undertaken in December 2019 through to April 2020 in order to select suitably qualified and experienced consultants to undertake the contract.

The Council conducted an restricted tender exercise via our electronic tendering portal, The Chest which included a presentation and interview.

Tender submissions were received from:

- Capita Property and Infrastructure (London)

- Cundall Johnson and Partners (Tyne and Wear)
- DJ Goode and Associates (Suffolk)
- Explora Security Limited (London)
- Crittec Group (Heywood)
- Galliford Try Construction Limited (Uxbridge)
- Knightguard Limited (Surrey)
- MFD International Limited (Romsey)
- The Mildot Group (Blackpool)
- Ove Arup & Partners Limited (London)
- WSP UK Limited (London)
- WYG Management Services Limited (Leeds)

From the above list 5 companies were shortlisted for the second stage:

- Capita Property and Infrastructure (London)
- DJ Goode and Associates (Suffolk)
- Galliford Try Construction Limited (Uxbridge)
- MFD International Limited (Romsey)
- Ove Arup and Partners Limited (London)

Galliford Try did not submit a bid at the second stage.

MFD International Limited provided the most economically advantageous tenders (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.

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| 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:

n.a. This work is of a specialist nature and cannot be undertaken in-house. This work needs to be carried out in order to inform future developments to incorporate HVM and CT into any design / scheme.

**4.0 Council Priority:**

- 4.1 The relevant Council Priority is: “Communities: Creating stronger communities and increasing resilience”

**5.0 Background Information**

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**INTRODUCTION**

Blackpool Council proposes to undertake permanent HVM / CT measures to various locations within the borough of Blackpool.

Blackpool Council recognises that it has limited experience of creating a strategy for, specifying and designing HVM and other counter terrorism measures, and having no sufficiently qualified in-house installers. Therefore, Blackpool Council is seeking a suitably qualified and experienced consultant to support the Council to implement HVM and CT in a cost-effective, timely, organised and compliant manner.

The detailed designs and construction of any works are to be undertaken by a Design and Build (D&B) contractor under an NEC-type design and build Contract which will be subject to separate tenders.

This requirement is for a Professional Services consultant to act as Blackpool Council’s (BC) technical advisor throughout the project delivery cycle from a strategy stage to completion of the installations.

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 the above named Contractors.

**7.0 Human Resources considerations:**

- 7.1 None, the Consultants will remain in the employ of MFD International.

**8.0 Equalities considerations:**

8.1 None.

**9.0 Financial considerations:**

9.1 The initial cost of the strategy phase for the Consultant plus additional monies to carry out Vehicle Dynamic Assessment (VDA) from third parties is estimated to be in the region of £28,000. This money has been secured via the Emergency Planning fund via a request in an earlier report.

9.2 Further phases will be called off at the charge out rates indicated in the tender pricing document. A phase example scenario was evaluated as part of the tender evaluation process.

**10.0 Risk management considerations:**

10.1 If this appointment is not concluded then there is a risk that HVM and CT measures aren't cost-effectively considered, areas may be left at risk and there may be an increased requirement for costly retrofitting etc.

**11.0 Ethical considerations:**

11.1 Social Value was included in the tender at 20%

**12.0 Internal/ External Consultation undertaken:**

12.1 Emergency Planning and Parking officers will help to co-ordinate the project with the relevant bodies e.g. the Crowded Places Group.

**13.0 Decision of Chief Officer**

13.1 To approve the appointment of MFD International for the above work.

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

14.1 MFD International Limited provided the most economically advantageous tenders (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.