

Officer Non Key Executive Decision

Relevant Chief Officer (Decision Maker):	John Blackledge, Director of Community and Environmental Services
Relevant Cabinet Member (for consultation purposes):	Councillor Neal Brookes, Cabinet Member for Enforcement, Public Safety, Highways and Transport
Report Author (Officer name and title):	Cath Bagley, Head of Procurement, Energy and Exchequer Services
Implementation Date of Decision:	14 December 2021

CCTV EQUIPMENT TENDER

1.0 Purpose of the report:

- 1.1 To seek approval to appoint a supplier for the provision of CCTV equipment to support the upgrade and relocation of the CCTV control room as well as to support ongoing future requirements for CCTV equipment.

2.0 Recommendation(s):

- 2.1 To approve the appointment of AD Systems Limited (Blackpool).

3.0 Reasons for recommendation(s):

- 3.1 A formal tender exercise was undertaken between August and November 2021 to select a supplier able to meet requirements for provision of CCTV equipment for a period of up to 4 years.

The tender process was undertaken via the Authority's electronic tendering portal, The Chest.

10 suppliers submitted tender responses:

- AD Systems (Blackpool)
- EMS Blackpool Limited (Blackpool)
- Hamisec UK Limited (Blackpool)
- Harry B Litherland (Blackpool)
- Netaccess Software Limited (Bedford)
- North VS Limited (North Shields)
- North West Security Services Limited (St Helens)
- Oprema Limited (Cardiff)
- SnISL Limited (Nottingham)

- Tailored Fire & Security Group Limited (Oldham)

AD Systems Limited provided the most economically advantageous tender (based on a combination of price, quality and social value). It is therefore our intention, subject to a 10-day standstill period 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

- "Communities: Creating stronger communities and increasing resilience"

5.0 Background Information

5.1 The CCTV system in Blackpool plays an important role in public safety and confidence, particularly in accessing the town centre during the night-time economy.

5.2 There is a requirement to relocate the CCTV control room as a result of the former police station having to be demolished to make way for the Central Development. The existing CCTV system is based on analogue technology and is in need of modernisation, in order to bring it in line with modern Internet Protocol (IP) CCTV current technology systems. The other important factor is that parts of the old system are becoming more and more difficult to access. A great deal of the equipment and screens within the control room are coming to the end of their natural life, which accounts for numerous problems being experienced.

5.3 This contract will meet the requirements for the supply of CCTV requirements to facilitate the relocation of the CCTV control room as well as meeting any potential future requirements.

Does the information submitted include any exempt information? No

List of Appendices:

None.

6.0 Legal considerations:

6.1 The tender process has been undertaken in line with Public Contract Regulations 2015 and is in line with the Council's Contract Procedure Rules.

The Council will enter into a formal contract with the supplier.

7.0 Human Resources considerations:

7.1 None.

8.0 Equalities considerations:

8.1 The enhanced CCTV system will play a key role in meeting the following objectives:

- Providing a deterrent to crime and anti-social behaviour;
- Improving public safety by reducing the perceived fear of crime.

9.0 Financial considerations:

9.1 Budget approval has been sought for the CCTV relocation project and an Executive Item seeking approval for the CCTV Project was approved on 13 September 2021.

10.0 Risk management considerations:

10.1 The CCTV equipment is in need of modernisation, in order to bring it in line with modern Internet Protocol (IP) CCTV current technology systems. A great deal of the equipment and screens within the control room are coming to the end of their natural life and as a result encounter numerous problems being experienced with recording systems. Should the CCTV equipment not be upgraded these recording problems will continue to escalate in frequency and the system will become increasingly unreliable.

11.0 Ethical considerations:

11.1 AD Systems will sign the 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 the Council's priorities.

12.0 Internal/ External Consultation undertaken:

12.1 A Project Board has been established which includes representation from Blackpool Constabulary.

An Executive Item seeking approval for the CCTV Project was approved on 13 September 2021.

Key stakeholders were engaged in the evaluation process.

13.0 Decision of Chief Officer:

13.1 To approve the appointment of AD Systems Limited (Blackpool).

14.0 Reasons for the Decision of the Chief Officer:

14.1 AD System's tender submission for the provision of CCTV equipment provided the most economically advantageous tender based on a combination of quality, price and social value.