

Officer Non Key Executive Decision

Relevant Chief Officer (Decision Maker):	John Blackledge, Director for 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):	Trish Rimmer, Senior Corporate Procurement and Projects Officer
Implementation Date of Decision:	8 September 2022

HIGHWAYS AND PUBLIC REALM DESIGN SERVICES

1.0 Purpose of the report:

1.1 To confirm the outcome of the recent framework call off exercise undertaken for the appointment of a Contractor to provide highways and public realm design support in Blackpool.

2.0 Recommendation(s):

2.1 To approve the appointment of Pell Frischmann Consultants Limited (London, UK)

3.0 Reasons for recommendation(s):

3.1 A direct award from Lot 7 of the ESPO 664_21 framework has been undertaken which would allow Blackpool Council the option to directly instruct Pell Frischmann to quote for and provide qualifying highways and public realm design and consultancy work. This framework allows Blackpool Council to quickly respond to new schemes which require design and consultancy input.

Following this call off completion, it is our intention to enter into a formal agreement with Pell Frischmann Consultants Limited.

- 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:

This is a specialist service and cannot be carried out in-house.

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’s (The Authority) Highways Service are looking to appoint a Consultant to enter into a term services contract for highways and public realm consultancy support as required. Work will be quoted for and if agreed by Blackpool Council a purchase or works order will be created.

5.2 The contract will cover design and support for ad-hoc highway, public realm, civils, drainage, ecology, urban traffic management, urban traffic control, masterplanning, transport modelling, transport planning, road safety audit services, engineering services and appropriate support connected with the preparations and management of tenders, contracts, contract management and day-to-day supervision of projects as directed by the Council.

5.3 Does the information submitted include any exempt information? No

5.4 List of Appendices:

None.

6.0 Legal considerations:

6.1 The process has been undertaken 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 Pell Frischmann Consultants Limited.

7.0 Human Resources considerations:

7.1 None.

8.0 Equalities considerations:

8.1 None.

9.0 Financial considerations:

9.1 The framework nature of this contract has allowed us to gain fixed prices for service elements e.g. hourly rates for consultants.

10.0 Risk management considerations:

10.1 If the contract is not awarded, there would be difficulty in getting projects started on time or in a manner which is compliant with prevailing highways legislation.

11.0 Ethical considerations:

11.1 None.

12.0 Internal/ External Consultation undertaken:

12.1 None.

13.0 Decision of Chief Officer

13.1 To approve the appointment of Pell Frischmann Consultants Limited (London, UK)

14.0 Reasons for the Decision of the Chief Officer

14.1 Pell Frischmann provided the most economically advantageous procurement route to market.