

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 Levelling up Place
Report Author (Officer name and title):	Jenna Douthwaite, Senior Corporate Procurement Officer
Implementation Date of Decision:	24 August 2023

MULTIVERSITY CAMPUS BLACKPOOL: Structural and Civil Engineers

1.0 Purpose of the report:

1.1 To approve the appointment of Civic Engineers Limited [Manchester] to provide structural and civil engineering consultancy services for the Multiversity Campus in Blackpool.

2.0 Recommendation(s):

2.1 To approve the appointment of Civic Engineers Limited to provide structural and civil engineering consultancy services for the Multiversity Campus in Blackpool. The contract will be in place for the duration of the Multiversity Campus project, until completion of the construction works.

3.0 Reasons for recommendation(s):

3.1 The consultant will be appointed via a compliant direct award using an NHS Shared Business Services Framework (Healthcare Planning , Construction Consultancy and Ancillary Services (HPCCAS) - SBS10190).

The consultant has provided detailed proposals which fully demonstrate their ability to meet the Council's requirement for professional consultancy services of this nature.

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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:

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 support the design and construction of a Multiversity Campus adjacent to the Talbot Gateway Central Business District on the edge of Blackpool Town Centre.

Under the agreement, Civic Engineers Limited will enter into a sub-contract arrangement with Fortis for provision of the façade design. This associated service will be detailed within the agreement between the Council and Civic Engineers Limited.

Does the information submitted include any exempt information?

No

List of Appendices:

None

6.0 Legal considerations:

6.1 The appointments are made in accordance with Public Contract Regulations 2015 and the Council’s Contract Procedure Rules. Authority has been sought from the Head of Procurement. The Council will enter into a contract with the consultant, copies 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 Consideration has been given as to whether there could be unintended adverse impacts on people because of shared characteristics protected by the Equality Act.

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 Civic Engineers Limited.

14.0 Reasons for the Decision of the Chief Officer

14.1 Civic Engineers Limited has provided detailed proposals to demonstrate that they can meet the Council's requirements for professional consultancy services for the Multiversity Campus project which deliver quality and value for money.