

AGENDA ITEM

REPORT TO CABINET

21 JANUARY 2021

**REPORT OF CORPORATE
MANAGEMENT TEAM**

CABINET / KEY DECISION

Leader of the Council - Lead Cabinet Member – Councillor Bob Cook

PROCUREMENT PLAN / HIGHER VALUE CONTRACTS

SUMMARY

This report seeks approval from Cabinet for the award of a planned higher value contract, where the value exceeds the limit on officer delegated authority, and which are either funded within the approved Medium Term Financial Plan (MTFP) or are subject to a bid for external funding.

REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS/DECISIONS

To enable Cabinet to exercise its strategic oversight of higher value planned procurement projects, in accordance with the constitution.

RECOMMENDATIONS

That Cabinet:

1. approves the contract listed in **Annex 1**;
2. gives authority to the relevant Director or Assistant Director to make the specific contract award decisions and any subsequent contract variation and extension decisions in accordance with the delegations listed in **Annex 1**.

DETAIL

1. The constitution defines a range of decisions that require a specific Cabinet approval, the financial threshold for which is set at a level of £500k or more. **Annex 1** lists the procurement projects over £500k that are underway and due for contract award. The value of the contract each exceeds the financial threshold and have not otherwise been delegated to officers.

COMMUNITY IMPACT IMPLICATIONS

2. Not applicable.

CORPORATE PARENTING IMPLICATIONS

3. Not applicable.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

4. The report sets out a higher value contract expected to be awarded in the current financial year. The expenditure committed as a result of this tender is planned and remains within the Council's

approved budget/MTFP or is subject to a bid for external funding which will ensure that at the point of contract award funds are available within the MTFP.

LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

5. Notwithstanding Cabinet approval it remains the responsibility of officers to ensure that the correct processes within Contract Procedure Rules have been followed and that where applicable the Public Contracts Regulations 2015 are complied with.
6. Where the value of goods, services or works exceeds the threshold at which the procurement process must comply with the Public Contracts Regulations either a tender exercise or the use of a suitable framework agreement will comply with the Regulations.

RISK ASSESSMENT

7. These tenders are categorised as low to medium risk. Existing management systems and activities are sufficient to control and reduce risk.

WARDS AFFECTED AND CONSULTATION WITH WARD/COUNCILLORS

8. Not applicable – does not relate directly to specific wards.

BACKGROUND PAPERS

None

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Annex 1

SEXUAL HEALTH SERVICE	
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The current Sexual Health contract is due to expire 31st July 2021 and in compliance with the Council's Contract Procedure Rules, the contract must be re-tendered. 2. Public Health have reviewed and re-designed the service model following extensive consultation with service users and stakeholders. 3. The Council will tender on behalf of Stockton on Tees Borough Council, Hartlepool Borough Council, Middlesbrough Borough Council, Redcar and Cleveland Borough Council, Tees Valley Clinical Commissioning Group and NHS Engalnd. 4. The new contract will be in place in February 2021 to allow a mobilisation period for service commencement on 1st August 2021. 5. Annual expenditure is £1,056,151. 	
Key Decision: Yes	Funding within MTFP: Yes
Delegated Officer: Ann Workman, Director, Adults and Health	
Checks and Balances: In consultation with other appropriate officers for professional advice to include finance and procurement.	