

**AGENDA ITEM**

**REPORT TO CABINET**

**19 January 2023**

**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 planned higher value contracts where the value exceeds the limit on officer delegated authority and which are either funded within the approved MTFP/ Capital Programme 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 updated 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 decision and any subsequent contract variation, annual inflationary uplifts (where allowed in the contract terms and conditions) and extension decision 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 contracts that exceeds the financial threshold and have not otherwise been delegated to officers.

**FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

2. The report includes higher value contracts expected to be awarded in the current financial year. The expenditure committed as a result of these tenders/ quotes 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**

3. 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.
4. 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**

5. This procurement is categorised as low to medium risk. Existing management systems and activities are sufficient to control and reduce risk.

Annex 1

<b>Teesside Advocacy Hub and Service</b>	
<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. The Council will carry out a tender process to appoint a suitable provider onto a Teesside (Stockton on Tees, Middlesbrough and Redcar and Cleveland) framework agreement to deliver an Adults Advocacy Hub and Service.</li><li>2. The new framework agreement will commence 1 May 2023 but requires a mobilisation period beforehand.</li><li>3. The current annual spend is circa £173,000 for Stockton on Tees and the framework agreement is for 3 years plus optional 4 x 12-month extensions.</li></ol>	
Key Decision: No	Funding within MTFP: Yes
Delegated Officers: Ann Workman, Director of Adults and Health	
Checks and Balances: In consultation with other appropriate officers for professional advice to include finance and procurement.	