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## REPORT / SUMMARY DECISION SHEET

**PURPOSE: COMMISSIONER DECISION**

**Timing: Pressing**

**Title: Procurement Process for Architect led Consortium**

**Category of Decision / Business Area Impact: Estates**

### **Executive Summary:**

Professional construction services must be procured to carry out works on the Police and Crime Commissioner's (PCC) estate.

A decision has previously been made on the procurement route for project management services and now architectural services need to be procured.

Such services may be procured from existing frameworks (of which there are two that the PCC may use) or via the Official Journal of the European Union (OJEU) procurement process.

### **Recommendation:**

That the PCC procure the services of an architect led consortium (including mechanical & electrical and civil & structural engineering services) by running a mini competition between seven interested and suitably experienced organisations on the NHS Shared Business Services framework.

### **Police and Crime Commissioner for Dyfed-Powys**

I confirm I have considered whether or not I have any personal or prejudicial interest in this matter and take the proposed decision in compliance with the NOLAN Principles for Conduct in Public Life.

The above has my approval.

**Signature:**

**Date: 1/04/2015**

## **Procurement of Estates Wide Works**

### **Estate Wide Works**

The PCC is about to embark on a significant programme of estate wide works that will include the rebuilding of a custody facility at Llanelli and the refurbishment and relocation of other police facilities across his estate. The PCC will procure external construction services to carry out these works on his behalf. This extensive programme is due to last between two and three years.

### **Construction Professional Services (Architect and Engineers)**

A decision has previously been made to directly employ the services of a project manager and quantity surveyor (and not package these pieces of work with any of the other professional services).

The services of an architect and engineers must now be procured.

There are currently two frameworks available to the PCC in addition to procuring through an OJEU process. Frameworks can significantly reduce the administrative burden and timescales involved in procuring services whilst a full OJEU process provides full access to all interested suppliers at the time that services need to be procured.

### **Procurement Options for Architects and Engineers**

- 1. NHS Shared Business Services (SBS) Framework** – we are registered as an associate and are able to use the framework. It is possible to award a contract to a single supplier or run a mini competition across all suppliers available in a category and region. A competition can take any format. In our region we have the choice of 27 organisations offering architectural services including some with experience on custody builds, being the most specialist single element of our programme of works.

In order to establish whether there are enough sufficiently experienced architects on the framework, we have run a capability assessment across the framework. From the responses received, there are seven suitably qualified architectural practices who are interested in carrying out these works for the PCC.

- 2. Scape Framework** – it is possible to award to a single supplier or run a mini competition across suppliers in the appropriate category. Faithful and Gould and Pick Everard are the two project managers listed. Architects are second tier consultants and must be appointed via one of the two listed project managers.

3. **OJEU Tender Process** – open to all and therefore we might attract bids from Vincent Gorbing and McBain’s Cooper who are architects that have experience of custody builds but that do not appear on any frameworks that are available to us. The process is defined by EU law. There is a higher risk of challenge by following this process than through progressing via a framework.

### **Recommendation**

Procure the services of an architect led consortium through running a mini competition across the seven interested and suitably experienced organisations on the NHS SBS Framework. The consortium is to include Mechanical & Electrical (M&E) and structural engineers. The services of a consortium will be more efficient and effective as we will have one main point of contact for these professional services, all co-ordinated by the architect. This also reduces the need to run a separate procurement process for each of these professional services.

