



Cyngor Castell-nedd Port Talbot  
Neath Port Talbot Council

## **NEATH PORT TALBOT COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCIL**

### **URGENT REPORT**

#### **Streetscene and Engineering Cabinet Board**

26th March 2021

#### **Report of the Head of Engineering & Transport**

David W. Griffiths

#### **Matter for Decision**

**Wards Affected:** All

### **SOUTH WEST & MID WALES REGIONAL CIVIL ENGINEERING SERVICES FRAMEWORK 2021 to 2025**

#### **Purpose of the Report**

To seek Members' approval to make use of the new South West & Mid Wales Regional Civil Engineering Services Framework.

#### **Executive Summary**

The NPS SWMW Regional Engineering Consultancy Framework ends its term in March 2021. The replacement to existing NPS Frameworks which are being developed by Cardiff County Council has been determined to be unsuitable for the needs of the six participating local authorities who require the greater continuity and resilience required by a Regional Framework.

NPS no longer wish to participate in a new Regional Framework; therefore, it was decided to create a new SW&MW Regional Engineering Services Framework which is managed by Carmarthenshire County Council. The new framework becomes active from 1st April 2021.

## Background

The new Framework is a development on the previous NPS South West and Mid Wales Framework (consisting of Carmarthen CC, Ceredigion CC, Pembrokeshire CC, Neath Port Talbot CBC, and Powys County Council & City & County of Swansea) that was implemented in 2017 and expires at the end of this March 2021.

Neath Port Talbot County Borough Council do not hold an approved list of Consultants; therefore, in order to satisfy Public Contract Regulations 2015 (Inc. Subsequent Amendments) and to ensure that projects are procured in a timely manner, it is proposed to utilise the new framework.

Our requirements in South West Wales are different to those currently provided in the NPS Framework and Cardiff County Council replacements, where we need particular emphasis upon:

- Integration of a Local Supply Chain with measurable Community Benefits.
- Increased range of Staff Grades.
- Communication, Knowledge Retention & Best Practice.
- Consistent Standards & approach to Procurement.
- Improving Tender Response Rates
- Promotion of continuous improvement and teamwork suitable for the delivery of work programme
- Local Design Capacity.

The framework structure is included in **Appendix 1**.

Following an extensive procurement process that was managed by Carmarthenshire County Council and with a project board consisting of gateway managers from each authority, 6 consultants were appointed; namely:

- **Amey**
- **Arcadis**
- **Atkins**
- **Capita**
- **Mott Macdonald**
- **WSP**

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## **Financial Impacts**

There are no direct charges or financial implications for NPTCBC who would only meet the costs of approved consultants once commissioned. It is noted however that there will be a small framework cost associated with a **TECHNICAL REGIONAL SKILLS LEVY (TRSL)** that will be used to develop Trainees via Cyfle for use by the participating Authorities in the region.

## **Integrated Impact Assessment**

A first stage Impact Assessment has been undertaken to assist the Council in discharging its legislative duties (under the Equality Act 2010, the Welsh Language Standards (No.1) Regulations 2015, the Well-being of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015 and the Environment (Wales) Act 2016.

The first stage assessment, attached at **Appendix B**, has indicated that a more in-depth assessment is not required. A summary is included below:-

The report is seeking approval to renew the existing framework and increase resource resilience.

This does not affect any group of people and or impact the Welsh language, biodiversity or the five ways of working.

## **Valleys Communities Impacts**

No implications.

## **Workforce Impacts**

No implications.

## **Legal Impacts**

No implications.

## **Risk Management Impacts**

No implications.

## **Consultation**

There is no requirement for external consultation on this item.

## **Recommendations**

It is recommended that in accordance with the Councils Contract Procedure Rules Section 3, that authorised officers are empowered to utilise the South West & Mid Wales Regional Civil Engineering Services Framework.

## **Reasons for Proposed Decision**

To enable the timely procurement of Consultancy Services in accordance with Public Contract Regulations 2015 (Inc. Subsequent Amendments) and the Council's own Contract Procedure Rules.

## **Implementation of Decision**

The decision is proposed for implementation after the three day call in period.

## **Appendices**

Appendix A – Framework Structure

Appendix B -- First Stage IIA

## **List of Background Papers**

None

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# Appendix A

