

**OFFICER DELEGATION SCHEME
RECORD OF DECISION**



TO BE UPLOADED TO THE INTERNET BY DEMOCRATIC SERVICES

Date: 22 February 2021	Ref No: BGI
Responsible Officer: Crispian Logue – Assistant Director (Strategy, Planning & Regulation)	
Type of Decision (please refer to MO Guidance):	
Key <input type="checkbox"/>	Non-Key <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Freedom of Information Status: <i>(can the report go in the public domain)</i>	
Title/Subject matter:	
To approve a variation to the existing Deloitte contract - Radcliffe Strategic Regeneration Framework – Planning and Development Consultancy services.	
Budget/Strategy/Policy/Compliance:	
(i) Is the decision within an Approved Budget?	Yes/no
(ii) Is the decision in conflict with the council's policies, strategies or relevant service plans?	Yes/no
(iii) Does the decision amend existing or raise new policy issues?	Yes/no
(iv) Is the decision significant and/or does it meet the £100,000 threshold for recording?	Yes/no – if yes please state; No
Equality Impact Assessment [Does this decision change policy, procedure or working practice or negatively impact on a group of people? If yes – complete EIA and summarise issues identified and recommendations – forward EIA to Corporate HR]	No

Summary:

Radcliffe Strategic Regeneration Framework – Planning and Development Consultancy services

Bids for the above commission were invited, through a competitive tendering process via Bloom Procurement Services Ltd. Ten registered suppliers were invited by Bloom to submit proposals and two bids were received. The Deloitte bid of £88,494.00 was assessed as offering the best overall value to the council based on the following criteria.

Overall Price – 40%

Overall Quality – 60%

The council contracted Bloom Procurement Services Ltd, to engage Deloitte LLP to complete the commission.

Following the award and progression of the contract to produce the Strategic Regeneration Framework it was identified that additional services were required to gain momentum and support the delivery phase of the Framework. An extension of the original with Bloom Procurement services was approved in September 2020 with a fee of £114,000. This covered the establishment of a dedicated programme management office (PMO) function to progress delivery of SRF priority projects, creation of an investment fund proposition, and initial outline business case work in relation to the priority projects.

The PMO function has now been established and it has driven forward key workstreams in relation to the SRF projects in recent months. However, the current contract support was only commissioned to cover the period up to November / December 2020. Since then, the consultants have continued to help facilitate the PMO and workstreams with no additional fees (up- to mid-February).

As work on the priority projects continues, project support for the Radcliffe town centre Hub project, in particular, has reached a critical stage. This includes the acquisition of commercial town centre properties to secure council control, as a key step in the project delivery process.

In particular, Deloitte have led on the acquisition of the London and Associate buildings, which will give the Council control of the land needed to deliver a new hub as proposed in the SRF. This will provide the certainty needed for project delivery and to support future external funding bids e.g. the Levelling Up Fund, the prospectus for which is imminent.

In order to ensure continuity in the acquisition of this key site and to ensure that there is adequate resource into the PMO, the individual SRF projects and to help provide the basis to feed into future funding opportunities, it is proposed to extend the commission of Deloitte over this critical period, up until the end of March 2021.

This period will also allow for a transition period with a dedicated Radcliffe SRF Project Manager, who has been appointed by the council, starting in March.

The extension of these services to March 31st comprise the following:

- 1) Input into the commercial property best value acquisition report, including strategic framework overview and qualitative assessment to support the acquisition of the London and Associated properties in Radcliffe town centre. This includes qualitative input building upon technical, leading to the production of a skeleton project business case.
- 2) Ongoing provision of advice and support for the acquisition process and meetings, including attendance at SRF Strategy Sessions and the PMO (Project management) meetings up to 31st March 2021.

The delivery of these services via a variation to the existing contract with Bloom Procurement Services (for Deloitte LLP) offers the best value for money to the council on the basis that:

- The additional services are of a similar nature and scope to the original requirements and extension of the contract dated September 2020.
- A change of contractor would cause significant delay to the project at a critical time and would also result in the duplication of costs for the authority.
- Pricing is consistent with the model on which the original tender was based.

The cost of the additional services of £15,000.00 will be met from the Radcliffe SRF Capital budget.

Wards affected: All Radcliffe Wards

Consultations:



Scrutiny & Review Committee Interest:

Options considered:

Decision [*with reasons*]

To extend the commission of Deloitte over this critical period, up until the end of March 2021, for the reasons outlined above.

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Decision made by:	Signature:	Date:
Chief Executive		5 March 2021
Members Consulted [<i>see note 1 below</i>]		
Leader of the Council, Cllr Eamonn O'Brien		5 March 2021
Lead Member		
Opposition Spokesperson		
Notes		
<p>1. Where, in accordance with the requirements of the Officer Delegation Scheme, a Chief Officer consults with the appropriate Cabinet Member they must sign the form so as to confirm that they have been consulted and that they agree with the proposed action. The signature of the Opposition Spokesperson should be obtained if required, to confirm that he/she has been consulted. Please refer to the MO Guidance.</p> <p>2. This form must not be used for urgent decisions.</p> <p>3. Where there is any doubt, Corporate Directors should err on the side of caution and seek advice from the Council's Monitoring Officer.</p>		