

**HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL****Executive Decision Record**

<b>Decision Maker:</b>	Executive Member – Environment and Transport
<b>Date:</b>	27 July 2011
<b>Title:</b>	Technical Resources Framework 2012-16 – Authority to Tender
<b>Reference:</b>	3062
<b>Report From:</b>	Director of Economy, Transport and Environment

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**1. The decision:**

1.1. That approval be given to tender a new Technical Resources Framework contract, as set out in the report, to supply temporary technical professional staff.

**2. Reasons for the decision:**

2.1. The County Council has a duty to maintain and improve highway infrastructure within Hampshire in a safe and effective manner. In provision of this role the Economy, Transport and Environment Department employs a number of technical and engineering resources to design, manage and supervise capital and revenue projects.

2.2. These resources supplement in-house staff and have been operating for a considerable number of years. Current provision is through a Technical Resources Framework which expires in April 2012.

2.3. The current arrangements have enabled effective engagement of these resources to enable the Council to provide an efficient service when resources are in short supply and allowed a prompt reaction to demands for projects such as Operation Restore and Resilience.

2.4. A similar resource provision will be necessary when the current framework expires in 2012.

**3. Other options considered and rejected:**

3.1. Engagement of resources through the Council's contract with Manpower. This was considered but rejected following consultation with Corporate

Procurement. Although the Manpower contract is effective for obtaining resources for clerical, administrative and social care needs, there is no specific identity for obtaining qualified and specialist professional resources. Engagement through this avenue does not allow effective or prompt engagement.

3.2. Engagement of resources through recruitment to the Council's permanent staff base of professionally qualified officers. This was considered but rejected due to two reasons – (i) the recruitment process can take a considerable period of time which does not allow access to immediate resources from the private sector; and (ii) current commitments to long term capital programmes are difficult to predict. The technical resources framework is intended to supplement in-house resources and match short term fluctuations in demand.

3.3. Engagement of resources through the IESE Professional Services Framework (PSF). This was considered but rejected because the PSF is suited to providing services for complete design commissions for projects rather than individual resources to support the Council's in-house capability. Under the latter circumstances, the PSF is not competitive.

**4. Conflicts of interest:**

4.1. Conflicts of interest declared by the decision-maker: None

4.2. Conflicts of interest declared by other Executive Members consulted: None

**5. Dispensation granted by the Standards Committee: none.**

**6. Reason(s) for the matter being dealt with if urgent: not applicable.**

**7. Statement from the Decision Maker:**

<b>Approved by:</b>  ----- <b>Executive Member for Environment and Transport Councillor M J Kendal</b>	<b>Date:</b>  <b>27 July 2011</b>
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