

HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL**Executive Decision Record**

Decision Maker:	Executive Member for Environment and Transport
Date:	15 September 2016
Title:	Procurement approval: Geotechnical and Geoenvironmental Framework 2017-2021
Reference:	7717
Report From:	Director of Economy, Transport and Environment

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1. The decision:

- 1.1. That approval is given to procure a four year framework agreement commencing in 2017 to engage with specialist suppliers and provide ground investigation services, at an estimated maximum spend over the duration of the framework of £3M.
- 1.2. That a ratio of 70% for price and 30% for quality be used in the assessment of suppliers to gain a place on the framework.
- 1.3. That the Director of Economy, Transport and Environment be given delegated authority to agree any variations to the items approved, in consultation with the Executive Member for Environment and Transport.

2. Reasons for the Decision

- 2.1 Geotechnical and Geoenvironmental Frameworks have been integral in assisting the County Council in its duty to maintain and improve highway infrastructure within Hampshire in a safe and effective manner. The current framework has been used to procure geotechnical and site investigation services which assist with the design of capital and revenue projects. These services have been used by many departments and sections of the County Council including Economy, Transport, and Environment, Culture Communities and Business Services, Property Services, Assets and Development, and Countryside Services and Engineering Consultancy.
- 2.2 The current arrangements have worked extremely well, with over 100 investigation projects completed in the first half of the current framework since June 2013. The ground investigation projects include those for small highways improvements, waste recycling centres, school and care centre extensions, new schools and fire stations, contaminated sites, landslips and significant highway infrastructure projects.

2.3 A decision is required so that a replacement framework is procured to replace the current framework which expires on 31 May 2017.

3 Other options considered and rejected:

3.1 Within the OJEU procurement regulations, apart from the use of frameworks, a Dynamic Purchasing System (DPS) can be used to provide access to suppliers. The advantage of using a DPS is that new suppliers can be added (within the rules) at any time during the operation of the system. This is useful where the market place consists of multiple suppliers which are joining and leaving the market.

3.2 The geotechnical services market consists of a few, but highly specialised suppliers who have the technical knowledge (trained geologists) and equipment to undertake surveys and investigations. The market is stable rather than dynamic and therefore a framework of suppliers is the preferred option of engagement.

4 Conflicts of interest:

4.1 Conflicts of interest declared by the decision-maker:

4.2 Conflicts of interest declared by other Executive Members consulted:

5 Dispensation granted by the Conduct Advisory Panel: None.

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

7 Statement from the Decision Maker:

Approved by: ----- Executive Member for Environment and Transport Councillor Rob Humby	Date: 15 September 2015
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