

HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL**Executive Decision Record**

Decision Maker:	Executive Member for Economy, Transport and Environment
Date:	11 June 2013
Title:	Procurement of Professional Services Support: Call-Off Contract
Reference:	4857
Report From:	Director of Economy, Transport and Environment

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1. The decision:

- 1.1. That approval be given to procure and spend on professional service consultancy support via four term contracts called-off through mini-competitions under the Improvement and Efficiency South East (iESE) Professional Service Framework. The resulting contract will be of up to 2 years duration with an approximate value of £4.5million, the commitment of which funds has already received executive approval by way of the Capital Programme.
- 1.2. That the Director of Economy, Transport and Environment be given delegated authority to agree any variations to the items approved referred to at paragraph 1.1 above, in consultation with the Executive Member for Economy, Transport and Environment.

2. Reason for the decision:

- 2.1. To ensure that the development of the County Council's strategic transport projects is prioritised allowing the Department to meet the target spend levels set out in the Capital Programme. Appointing four term contractors to deliver professional service consultancy will not increase overall spend levels, it will simply aim to improve the efficiency of the County Council's work in progressing schemes and projects by eliminating the need to carry out mini competitions for every individual piece of work before appointing a contractor. It will also support bid preparation work that aims to bring forward schemes which accord with the economic growth agenda. This will be of continued importance as Government are putting significant priority on the ability to deliver when assessing schemes.

3. Other options considered and rejected:

3.1. The other option considered was to continue with mini-competitions for each project let through the iESE Professional Service Framework. This is not recommended because of the additional timescale and associated client workload in terms of mini tenders compared with the call-off contract option.

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 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:

Date:

11 June 2013

**Executive Member for Economy, Transport and
Environment
Councillor Seán D T Woodward**