



SOUTH
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DISTRICT
COUNCIL



Officer Delegated Decision

11th October 2024

Richard Wyles – Deputy Chief Executive and
s151 Officer

Consultancy Plus Ltd 1141 YPO Call Off Framework Contract

Approval and signing of Consultancy Plus Ltd's 1141 YPO Call Off Framework

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Decision made by:	Chief Finance Officer (S151), Richard Wyles
Decision:	1) To formally accept and sign Consultancy Plus Ltd's 1141 YPO Call Off Framework for £270,000 over three years.
Public or Exempt:	Public
Reasons for exemption:	N/A
Conflicts of interest:	No
Policy compliant:	Yes
Details of delegation:	The Constitution authorises the Chief Finance Officer to sign off framework contracts.

1. Implications

1.1 Taking into consideration implications relating to finance and procurement, legal and governance, risk and mitigation, health and safety, diversity and inclusion, safeguarding, staffing, community safety, mental health and wellbeing and the impact on the Council's declaration of a climate change emergency, the following implications have been identified:

Finance

1.2 This report seeks approval to sign up in order to utilise a Framework should it prove beneficial to support future procurement activities. Therefore there are no specific financial implications – these will be only relevant should the Framework be utilised for any procurement activity.

Completed by: Richard Wyles, Deputy Chief Executive and s151 Officer

Legal and Governance

1.3 There are no significant legal and governance implications arising from this decision which have not already been referenced.

Completed by: Graham Watts, Monitoring Officer

2. The Purpose of the Report

2.1 This report presents a 1141 YPO Call Off Framework with Consultancy Plus Ltd for £270,000 over three years.

3. Available Options Considered

3.1 The Council could decide to not sign the new YPO Call of Framework with Consultancy Plus.

4. Preferred Option

4.1 To formally accept and sign Consultancy Plus Ltd's 1141 YPO Call Off Framework for £270,000 over three years.

5. Reasons for the Decision(s)

5.2 Procurement Frameworks:

- Can speed up procurement timescales, leading to a more efficient procurement process.
- Enable finances to be verified upfront.
- Can reduce time spent on procurement projects by legal and procurement teams.

- 5.3 The Council currently has a number of projects running with Consultancy Plus Ltd. through an existing contract.
- 5.4 The Local Plan Team has numerous projects over the next few years and use of this framework will allow a fast, compliant route to access consultants without the need for separate exemptions, and mini competitions each time.

6. Consultation

- 6.1 The Procurement Lead has been consulted and has reviewed the contract.

7. Background Papers

- 7. No background papers

8 Appendices

- 8.1 **Appendix A:** YPO Call off Contract Framework (electronic version will be emailed to Chief Finance Officer for signing, once ODD has been agreed)
- 8.2 **Appendix B:** 1141 YPO User Guide

Signed by: **Richard Wyles**

Dated: **11 October 2024**