
Report To:	Policy & Resources Committee	Date:	8th August 2017
Report By:	Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration and Resources	Report No:	ENV017/17/SJ/BM
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Subject:	Use of Emergency Powers - Improvement Service Collaborative Framework for Associates		

1.0 PURPOSE

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to advise the Committee of the use of emergency powers to participate in a framework, for professional services, using a collaborative procurement approach with the Improvement Service.

2.0 SUMMARY

- 2.1 The Improvement Service has written to all Chief Executives inviting Local Authorities to be part of a tender for an Associates Framework.
- 2.2 The tender for the Framework Agreement is aimed at a diverse range of individuals from across Scotland to work to help and support transformational change programmes and successful Associates will each offer a range of different skills, knowledge and experience.
- 2.3 The types of disciplines being procured are: Change Management Consultancy, Business Analysis Support, Continuous Improvement Support, Digital Support, Organisational Development and Spatial Information.
- 2.4 The types of support being procured are specialist and sporadically used within the Council. These services are normally procured via individual tenders. A framework giving access to these specialisms will enable a more efficient procurement process which saves on officer time. Officers have ensured that the Improvement Service procurement ensures involvement of SMEs and suppliers who are local to Inverclyde were possible.
- 2.5 The ITT was issued by the Improvement Service on 25th July and therefore to access the Framework officers required to utilise emergency powers to get Council approval to participate.

3.0 USE OF EMERGENCY POWERS

- 3.1 The request for authority, via the emergency powers procedure, to take part in this collaborative framework was approved by Councillors McCabe, Clocherty, McEleny and the Chief Executive.

4.0 RECOMMENDATIONS

- 4.1 It is recommended that the use of emergency powers is noted.

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5.0 BACKGROUND

- 5.1 The Improvement Service organised two networking events to publicise the opportunity prior to advertising the tender in July. This should help attract the best Associates and will provide potential Associates with the opportunity to find out about the types of skills, knowledge and expertise required
- 5.2 The tender is aimed at attracting individuals with significant experience in the public sector and Scottish Local Government so this may include former elected members or employees. The ITT is due to be issued by the Improvement Service on 25th July and therefore to access the Framework officers require to utilise emergency powers to get Council approval to participate.
- 5.3 Contract Standing Order 23.1 requires committee approval to use a framework agreement that is a non-exempt collaborative framework. Exempt frameworks are those established by Procurement Scotland, Scotland Excel, Crown Commercial Services or any successor bodies. Emergency Powers are required due to the timescales involved and there not being a committee to request the appropriate authority during the summer recess.

6.0 PROPOSALS

- 6.1 That the Council participates in the proposed framework in order to facilitate future projects requiring these skills.

7.0 IMPLICATIONS

Finance

- 7.1 There are no financial implications arising from participation in the ITT. Where the Council procures via this contact it will be a pre-requisite that funding is identified in advance.

One off Costs

Cost Centre	Budget Heading	Budget Years	Proposed Spend this Report £000	Virement From	Other Comments
N/A					

Annually Recurring Costs/ (Savings)

Cost Centre	Budget Heading	With Effect from	Annual Net Impact £000	Virement From (if Applicable)	Other Comments
N/A					

Legal

- 7.2 The Head of Legal and Property Services has been consulted on this report.

Human Resources

- 7.3 None

Equalities

7.4 Has an Equality Impact Assessment been carried out?

YES (see attached appendix)

NO - This report does not introduce a new policy, function or strategy or recommend a change to an existing policy, function or strategy. Therefore, no Equality Impact Assessment is required.

Repopulation

7.5 Not applicable

8.0 CONSULTATIONS

8.1 This report has been prepared in consultation with Council Services who are likely to use the Framework.

9.0 LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS

9.1 None