

Report to: Cabinet



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Contract standing orders exemption Global City Futures – Production of Recycling & Waste final business case

Report summary:

To support the delivery of the updated business case to allow a final decision on the future service delivery model for provision of recycling & waste collection services it is proposed to appoint Global City Futures. They have completed our Outline Business Case and understand our service and the review work undertaken to date.

In order to deliver the final business case without delay, and by the date set in July for a further extraordinary Cabinet, we need to continue to engage Global City Futures. Failure to do so will risk delivery of this critical project.

To maintain the planned implementation timeline for the LATCo it is important that we continue to move forward at pace, and therefore cannot afford any delays associated with a new procurement or on boarding of a different consultant. It is considered beneficial to make a direct appointment of GCF for this work, rather than go out through a tender process which will delay progress and risk us a) not delivering the business case in time to allow enough implementation time and b) potentially appointing professional advisors without the optimum level of experience.

This exemption is to continue that engagement and for delivery of the final business case, GCF's proposal for these works is due to cost £23k.

It is requested that this appointment is made as an exemption to Contract Standing Orders. The approval form has been provided as attached. The request will be within budget framework, since Council have approved the implementation and mobilisation fund detailed in the 17 Feb Cabinet report.

Is the proposed decision in accordance with:

Budget Yes ☒ No ☐

Policy Framework Yes ☒ No ☐

Recommendation:

It is recommended that Cabinet:

1. Note the Request for Exemption to Standing Orders Report attached in respect of the appointment of Global City Futures, for the production of the final business case referenced in the 17 Feb Extraordinary Cabinet report and debate. The budget for which was approved at Council 26 Feb.

Reason for recommendation:

To produce the required business case and additional information for final decision on future delivery model within the necessary timescale.

Portfolio(s) (check which apply):

- ☐ Assets and Economy
- ☐ Communications and Democracy
- ☒ Council, Corporate and External Engagement
- ☐ Culture, Leisure, Sport and Tourism
- ☒ Environment - Nature and Climate
- ☒ Environment - Operational
- ☒ Finance
- ☐ Place, Infrastructure and Strategic Planning
- ☐ Sustainable Homes and Communities

Equalities impact Low Impact

Climate change Medium Impact

Risk: Low Risk;

Links to background information

[Global City Futures exemption form](#)

Link to [Council Plan](#)

Priorities (check which apply)

- ☐ ~~A supported and engaged community~~
- ☒ Carbon neutrality and ecological recovery
- ☒ Resilient economy that supports local business
- ☒ Financially secure and improving quality of services

Financial implications:

The financial details are contained in the report with the cost being met from the Council's transformation reserve as approved by Council SD. General concern on number of exemptions being granted by Council - reminder to SLT -

Legal implications:

Members have the ability to approve a waiver of contract standing orders subject to being satisfied that best value is being achieved. As the value of the proposed contract is below EU procurement thresholds an exemption can be validly relied upon. The reason for using the exemption in this case appears justified. MW