
Contracts for Award Under Delegated Authority from Executive

Committee considering report:	Executive
Date of Committee:	25 July 2024
Portfolio Member:	Councillor Iain Cottingham
Report Author:	Liz Martin
Forward Plan Ref:	EX4562

1 Purpose of the Report

- 1.1 To provide details of forthcoming supply, service and works contract awards that will have a contract value in excess of £2.5m and as such will require approval from Executive during the next quarter. This report provides Executive with visibility of all high value contracting activity and the opportunity to request further information regarding any of the contracts identified.
- 1.2 To gain approval from Executive to delegate authority to an individual (Service Director) to proceed with the contract awards provided in this report, on the condition that a Procurement Strategy and a Contract Award report is granted approval by Procurement Board.
- 1.3 A consolidated report is considered the most effective way of complying with the Council's Contract Rules, whilst providing Executive with visibility of forthcoming high value contracts requiring approval. This in turn will help minimise any delays that may impact the procurement timetable for contract award and service mobilisation.
- 1.4 In addition, providing an overview of contracts with a value in excess of £2.5M which are anticipated to be awarded during the following quarter; further details of contracts which will be subject to inclusion in a future report have been set out in 4.6.

2 Recommendation

- 2.1 Executive to delegate authority to an individual (Service Director) to proceed with the award of the contracts in table 4.5 in consultation with the Portfolio Holder, following the completion of the appropriate procurement process and Procurement Board approval of a Contract Award report.

3 Implications and Impact Assessment

Implication	Commentary
-------------	------------

Contracts for Award Under Delegated Authority from Executive

Financial:	<p>Contracts will be procured in line with the Council's Contract Rules. All contracts with a value in excess of £100k require approval of a Procurement Strategy before procurement is commenced and the award is subject to the approval of a Contract Award report by Procurement Board prior to the formal award of the contract.</p> <p>All contracts over £500k in value are considered key decisions and will be placed on the forward plan at point of Procurement Strategy.</p>
Human Resource:	N/A
Legal:	<p>Contracts will be procured in line with the Council's Contract Rules and the Public Contracts Regulations 2015.</p> <p>All contracts with a value in excess of £2.5m will have a procurement strategy and contract award report which has been approved by Procurement Board, Corporate Board and Operations Board. The Service Director shall have delegated authority to award the contract subject to such approval and in consultation with the Portfolio Holder, S.151 officer and Monitoring Officer.</p>
Risk Management:	<p>As part of each procurement process, supplier due diligence is carried out to include: review and verification of financial health, confirmation of insurances held, credit report, references and reassurance around the ability to evidence and deliver public sector contracts.</p>
Property:	N/A
Policy:	<p>Contracts will be procured in line with the Council's Contract Rules. All contracts with a value in excess of £100k require approval of a Procurement Strategy before procurement is commenced and the award is subject to the approval of a Contract Award report by Procurement Board prior to the formal award of the contract.</p> <p>All contracts over £500k in value are considered key decisions and will be placed on the forward plan at point of Procurement Strategy.</p>

Contracts for Award Under Delegated Authority from Executive

	Positive	Neutral	Negative	Commentary
Equalities Impact:		X		
A Are there any aspects of the proposed decision, including how it is delivered or accessed, that could impact on inequality?		X		
B Will the proposed decision have an impact upon the lives of people with protected characteristics, including employees and service users?		X		
Environmental Impact:		X		
Health Impact:		X		
ICT Impact:		X		
Digital Services Impact:		X		
Council Strategy Priorities:				Business as usual
Core Business:		X		
Data Impact:		X		
Consultation and Engagement:	N/A			

4 Executive Summary

- 4.1 To gain approval from Executive on forthcoming contract awards due to take place during the next quarter of the financial year.
- 4.2 Following the completion of the procurement process, the service area will be required to submit a Contract Award report to Procurement Board for approval prior to awarding the contract. The Service Director will consult with Portfolio Holders, the s.151 officer and Monitoring Officer prior to contract award to ensure necessary consultation has been completed.
- 4.3 There are a number of projects listed on the Council’s Capital programme where it is not known at this stage if the delivery of these projects will require tendering for supply contracts. Whilst every effort has been made to include all contracts which are likely to arise, it is possible that other, urgent requirements may emerge. Such cases will need to be reported separately to the board as individual contract award reports for approval. It is acknowledged that there will also remain the need for some contracts to follow the standard governance process rather than be included in this report.
- 4.4 The contract award summary table (4.5) provides an overview of the contracts which are being tendered following approval of a Procurement Strategy by the Procurement Board. These contracts are expected to have a contract value of over £2.5m based on the available budget.
- 4.5 Forthcoming Contract Award Summary Table – subject to approval within this report

Contract Title	Service Area	Budget (inc. tolerance)	Contract planned start date	Procurement Process	Evaluation weightings	Proposed Contract Term (years)	Estimated contract term award value	Tender Status
Supported Lodgings for Young People in Care – Estimated month of Award October 2024	Children & Families Services	Budget is not set by provider / contract. It is built via the Model based on forecast number of clients in each service type using average unit costs and predicted inflation. Cost centres are 70001, 70004 and 70007	7th February 2025	Open Tender	50% quality 40% cost 10% social value	3+1+1	£2,470,393.	Taking to Procurement Board May 2024
Blagden House Complex Needs Supported Living	Adult Social Care	Budget is not set by provider / contract. Built via the Model based on forecast number of clients in each PSR and service type using average unit costs and predicted inflation.	5th December 2024	Open tender	50% quality 40% cost 10% social value	7+3	Est £3,890,000	Pending ITT publication

Contracts for Award Under Delegated Authority from Executive

Construction of Grazeley Solar Farm	Environment	£16.4m (would be subject to further capital bid should a larger facility prove to be more environmentally and cost efficient).	Jan 25	Two-stage Restricted Tender	40% quality 50% cost 10% social value (2.5% corporate strategies, 5% sv proposals for West Berkshire, 2.5% resources to support)	7 months Value engineering ongoing to bring the commission date forward to May 2025.	Anticipated value is up to £20M. This is based on maximum 25MW capacity solar farm being built. Assessment is currently ongoing to establish the most efficient size of facility, the actual value of the contract may be lower.	Taking to Procurement Board in July/August 2024
Procurement of a main contractor to deliver Falkland Primary School - Classroom Replacement	Education	£4,033,400	02/06/2025 or 17/06/2024	Traditional or Design & Build *	TBC	2 years or 2.6 years	TBC	Not started

* Currently the project is following a traditional procurement route. The traditional procurement route works on the basis of appointing a design team at the beginning of the project to develop a design which will then be taken to Tender for a Main Contractor at RIBA Stage IV. Members have requested that the project team assess the Design & Build method of procurement as a way to expediate project delivery and therefore both options have been included above for consideration.

4.6 In addition, it is anticipated that the following contracts are likely to be awarded within the next six months and this is likely to will be presented to Executive for approval in November:

- Care Home Transfer - anticipated award in November

5 Supporting Information

5.1 Introduction

The contracts presented in this report have an estimated value in excess of £2.5m for the whole life of the contract term, including any optional extensions. The budget information is currently provided by the service area leading the procurement strategy.

5.2 Background

Procurement Board has the overall responsibility for monitoring contractual spend within the Council. The Procurement Board scrutinise both the strategy and award reports to ensure the procurement is compliant with the Council's constitution, relevant legislation, the Public Contracts Regulations 2015 and that the award of the contract demonstrates value for money. All contracts with a value in excess of £100,000 require an individual Procurement Strategy to be submitted to Procurement Board for scrutiny and approval prior to the service area conducting a procurement process. Following the completion of the procurement process, a contract award report detailing the outcome of the procurement is submitted to Procurement Board for approval prior to awarding the contract.

Contracts for Award Under Delegated Authority from Executive

- 5.3 The Contract Rules state that for supply contracts with a value of in excess of £2.5m, a Contract Award report must be approved by Procurement Board, Corporate Board, Operations Board and Executive, before the contract can be awarded.
- 5.4 Further detail regarding the contracts set out in 4.5 is included as a Part II report for Executive meeting.

6 Other options considered

- 6.1 The approval of a consolidated contract award report is considered the most efficient way of meeting the governance requirements of the Constitution, therefore no alternative proposals are being made.

7 Conclusion

- 7.1 This report provides details of the contracts which have been registered with Commissioning & Procurement and scheduled for award during the next quarter. Whilst every effort has been made to capture and include all the forthcoming contracts, there may be other projects which Commissioning & Procurement have not yet been involved in or the service area have not yet submitted a strategy to the Procurement Board for approval. Should the Commissioning and Procurement team become aware of contracts with a value of over £2.5m that need approval during the next quarter, then these will be submitted separately to Corporate Board, Operations Board and Executive as individual Contract Award reports for approval.
- 7.2 Executive resolves to:
- (1) delegate authority to the relevant Service Director in consultation with the relevant portfolio holder, s.151 officer and Monitoring Officer to proceed with award of the forthcoming contracts that has been identified in this report for award approval during the next quarter of the financial year.
 - (2) delegate authority to the Service Lead Legal and Democratic in consultation with the relevant Executive Director to finalise the terms of any agreement as set out in the procurement documents and make any necessary drafting or other amendments (such amendments not to be substantia or material) to the terms of the agreement necessary to produce a final agreement for execution and to enter into that agreement; and where relevant.

Subject to Call-In:

Yes: No:

The item is due to be referred to Council for final approval

Delays in implementation could have serious financial implications for the Council

Contracts for Award Under Delegated Authority from Executive

- Delays in implementation could compromise the Council's position
- Considered or reviewed by Scrutiny Commission or associated Committees,
Task Groups within preceding six months
- Item is Urgent Key Decision
- Report is to note only

Wards affected: The named contracts above related to services for West Berkshire as a whole authority rather than specific areas.

Officer details:

Name: Liz Martin
Job Title: Corporate Category Manager – Commissioning and Procurement,
Resources and Place
Tel No: 01635 519674
E-mail: Elizabeth.martin@westberks.gov.uk
