

Subjec	et:	Contracts Update	
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Date:		24th January 2020	
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Restricted Reports			
Is this report restricted?			Yes No X
l1	f Yes, when will the	report become unrestricted?	
After Committee Decision			
After Council Decision			
Sometime in the future			
Never			
Call-in			
Is the decision eligible for Call-in?			Yes X No
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1.0 1.1	Purpose of Report or Summary of main Issues The purpose of this report is to:		
	seek approval from members for tenders and STAs over £30,000		
	seek approval from members for expenditure related to specific exclusions for service		
	contracts set out in the Public Contract Regulations 20151 "PCRs" to cover financia		
	year 20/21		
2.0	Recommendations		
2.1	The Committee is a	asked to:	
	Approve the public advertisement of tenders as per Standing Order 37a detailed		
	Appendix 1	(Table 1).	
	Approve the Appendix 1	e award of STAs in line with Standing Orde	er 55 exceptions as detailed in

¹ Public Contract Regulations 2015; 10 Specific Exclusions for Service Contracts

 Approve the estimated expenditure of permitted excluded contracts as detailed in Financial Regulations K11 Appendix 1 (Table 3)

3.0 Main report

3.1 Publically Advertised Tenders

Section 2.5 of the Scheme of Delegation states Chief Officers have delegated authority to authorise a contract for the procurement of goods, services or works over the statutory limit of £30,000 following a tender exercise where the council has approved the invitation to tender

Standing Order 60(a) states any contract that exceeds the statutory amount (currently £30,000) shall be made under the Corporate Seal. Under Standing Order 51(b) the Corporate Seal can only be affixed when there is a resolution of the Council.

Standing Order 54 states that every contract shall comply with the relevant requirements of national and European legislation.

3.2 <u>Single Tender Actions (STAs)</u>

The Council's Digital Services team is contracted to provide ICT services to the Northern Ireland Housing Executive (NIHE). These services include the hosting and support of the 'iWorld' Housing Benefit System.

Northgate have proprietary rights for the iWorld' Housing Benefit System.

The Department for Communities has given approval for the NIHE to proceed with preparations for developing the Discretionary Housing Payments Solution (DHPS) as an option for the continuation of mitigation for housing benefit claimants impacted by Social Sector Size Criteria aka 'bedroom tax' and Benefit Cap for 1 year from 1st April 2020.

Should the Assembly decide to drop the DHPS, work will cease on all development works and the Council and NIHE will only be responsible for costs incurred to that date.

3.3 PCRs 2015 specific exclusions for service contracts

Section 10 of the PCRs sets out specific exclusions for service contracts meaning that the types of services listed are excluded from the obligations of the PCRs.

Table 3 sets out the suppliers, type of service and estimated expenditure for financial year 20/21 and covers the services as set out section 10(b) of the PCRs which excludes:

(i)the acquisition, development, production or co-production of programme material intended for audiovisual media services or radio media services, that are awarded by audiovisual or radio media service providers, or (ii)broadcasting time or programme provision that are awarded to audiovisual or radio media service providers;

Financial & Resource Implications

The financial resources for these contracts are within approved corporate or departmental budgets

Equality or Good Relations Implications/Rural Needs Assessment

3.5 None

4.0 Appendices – Documents Attached

Appendix 1

Table 1 Publically Advertised Tenders

Table 2 Single Tender Actions (STA)

Table 3 Excluded Service Contracts