

Cabinet (Resources) Panel

7 September 2022

Report title	Procurement – Award of Contracts for Works, Goods and Services	
Decision designation	AMBER	
Cabinet member with lead responsibility	Councillor Obaida Ahmed Resources and Digital City	
Key decision	Yes	
In forward plan	Yes	
Wards affected	All Wards	
Accountable Director	Claire Nye, Director of Finance	
Originating service	Procurement	
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Report to be/has been considered by	Directorate Leadership Team	

Recommendation for decision:

The Cabinet (Resources) Panel is recommended to:

1. Delegate authority to the Cabinet Member for Governance and Equalities, in consultation with the Chief Operating Officer, to approve the award for Webcasting and Associated Services System when the evaluation process is complete.
2. Delegate authority to the Cabinet Member for City Environment and Climate Change, in consultation with the Director of City Housing and Environment, to approve the award of a contract for Arboricultural works when the evaluation process is complete.
3. Delegate authority to the Cabinet Member for City Environment and Climate Change, in consultation with the Director of City Housing and Environment, to approve the award of a contract for Prouds Lane Open Space Improvements when the evaluation process is complete.
4. Delegate authority to the Cabinet Member for City Assets and Housing, in consultation with the Deputy Director of Assets, to approve the award of a contract for Asset Management System when the evaluation process is complete.

5. Delegate authority to the Cabinet Member for City Assets and Housing, in consultation with the Director of City Housing and Environment, to approve the award of contracts for Rough Sleeper Services.

1.0 Councillor Paula Brookfield, Cabinet Member for Governance and Equalities

1.1 Delegated Authority to Award a Contract - Webcasting and Associated Services System

Ref no:	CWC22019
Council Plan aim	Driven by Digital Fair and Equal
Originating service	Governance
Accountable officer	Laura Gittos, Head of Governance (01902) 555242
Leadership Team approval	9 December 2021
Accountable Lead Cabinet Member	Cllr Paula Brookfield, Cabinet Member for Governance and Equalities
Date Lead Cabinet Member briefed	15 December 2022
Procurement advisor	Barry Greenwood, Procurement Manager

1.2 City of Wolverhampton Council (CWC) are looking to engage with an experienced contractor to provide and install a high-quality audio-visual system. The new system will include webcasting functionality, a supplementary maintenance support service and enable integration with CWC's Committee Management Information System (Modern.gov), Microsoft Teams, Zoom and other leading conferencing software. The system must include hybrid meeting functionality.

1.3 The scope will cover:

- Audio-visual conference equipment and associated services directly related with installing, testing, and commissioning it.
- A hybrid meeting solution for the Council Chamber and Committee Room 3.
- A maintenance and support facility for five years for the audio-visual system.
- A webcasting service that covers the broadcast of physical, digital and hybrid meetings.

Proposed Contract Award	
Contract duration	Five years
Contract Commencement date	1 December 2022

Annual value	£20,000 Maintenance & Support plus £115,000 one off cost for hardware & installation costs
Total value	£215,000 (Including hardware & installation)

1.4 Procurement Process

- 1.5 The intended procurement procedure will be an Open Procedure in accordance with Public Contract Regulations 2015, the evaluation scoring balance will be 30% Price, 70% Quality. This route to market has been decided so it is open for all suppliers to submit a bid and it will result in a more competitive process. This procedure has been chosen because it will support fair and transparent competition, and enable local businesses to bid, further supporting the Wolverhampton Pound.
- 1.6 Any amendments to the procurement procedure will be reported in an Individual Executive Decision Notice (IEDN) to the relevant Cabinet Member in consultation with the relevant Director in accordance with the delegation within this report.
- 1.7 The evaluation team will comprise;

Name	Job Title
Julia Cleary	Scrutiny and Systems Manager
Kim Reynolds	Business Improvement Manager
Glenn Palmer	Business Critical & Solutions Support Manager

1.8 Evaluation of alternative options

- 1.9 The alternative option would be to remain as we are and to limit the hybrid and live streaming equipment to the Chamber only. The experience of the past year has, however, highlighted the impact that a meeting space can have on the conduct of a meeting. The Council Chamber is undoubtedly the best space for larger Full Council meetings which are more political in their nature but for non-political meetings such as advisory groups, planning meetings and scrutiny panels, a smaller less formal committee room facilitates cross party collaboration and discussion.

1.10 Reason for decisions

- 1.11 Consideration was given to splitting the contract and going out to tender separately for the audio-visual equipment (microphones and Screens) and the streaming equipment (webcasting). However, based on previous experience it is deemed essential to have one

supplier providing the whole solution; this avoids complications in the event of the system developing a fault and it becoming unclear which supplier is responsible.

- 1.12 By installing hybrid, webcasting equipment in the Council Chamber and Committee Room 3, we are enhancing, improving and making the democratic functionality of the Council more accessible. Additionally, we are future proofing our Civic Offices, building good relationships with partner organisations and realising some commercial aspirations.

1.13 Financial Implications

- 1.14 The proposed webcasting development includes two associated costs. It will require the purchase and installation of further audio-visual equipment and a conference microphone system at a cost estimated to be in the region of £115,000. Funding for this element of the project has already been allocated within the capital programme. There will also be an increased annual service charge and a budget of £20,000 has been set aside within Governance Services to meet this. The level of the increased fee and associated budget will be kept under review throughout the tender process.

1.15 Legal implications

- 1.16 The procurement will be an above threshold open procedure in accordance with the Public Contract Regulations 2015 and Council's Contract Procedure Rules.

1.17 Equalities implications

- 1.18 By seeking to utilise the most Innovative technology and by working closely with the successful supplier and the Council's Equality Diversity and Inclusion (EDI) team we will ensure that the new solution benefits both the meeting spaces and its users, including those with disabilities.

1.19 All other implications

- 1.20 There are no other implications arising from the recommendations of this report.

1.21 Recommendation

- 1.22 Cabinet (Resources) Panel is recommended to delegate authority to the Cabinet Member for Governance and Equalities, in consultation with the Chief Operating Officer, to approve the award for Webcasting and Associated Services System when the evaluation process is complete.

2.0 Councillor Steve Evans, Cabinet Member for City Environment and Climate Change

2.1 Delegated Authority to Award a Contract – Arboricultural Works

Ref no:	CWC22062
Council Plan aim	Climate Conscious
Originating service	Environmental Services
Accountable officer	Richard Johnson, Direct Works and Arboriculture Manager (01902) 554267
Leadership Team approval	29 March 2022
Accountable Lead Cabinet Member	Cllr Steve Evans, Cabinet Member for City Environment and Climate Change (01902) 861498
Date Lead Cabinet Member briefed	1 April 2022
Procurement advisor	Laura Bould, Procurement Manager (01902) 558452

2.2 Background

- 2.3 The Arboriculture team have previously and are currently supported by an external Arboricultural works contractor. The contractor provides additional capacity to the core team to carry out the adopted highway tree maintenance program, emergency call out provision, access to larger equipment when required and teams to undertake works of significant risk, for example works at height on the highway.
- 2.4 The Expanded Arboriculture project is addressing the requirement to increase the number of tree inspections undertaken each year. The number of existing highway tree inspections have been doubled and a new two-yearly Condition Survey will be introduced to routinely inspect trees in our parks, green open spaces, cemeteries, and land under the responsibility of the Corporate Landlord. This will result in at least a fivefold increase in the number of trees to be inspected. An external contractor is therefore required to add to the resilience of the team. While we also go through the process of expanding the core team, they are also essential for ensuring inspections continue to take place.

Proposed Contract Award	
Contract duration	Eight years (4+4)

Contract Commencement date	1 December 2022
Annual value	£94,240
Total value	£753,920

2.5 Procurement Process

- 2.6 The intended procurement procedure will be an Open Tender procedure in accordance with the Public Contract Regulations 2015. This procedure has been chosen because it will support fair and transparent competition, and enable local businesses to bid, further supporting the Wolverhampton Pound.
- 2.7 The evaluation scoring balance will be 50% quality and 50% price. Any amendments to the procurement procedure will be reported in an Individual Executive Decision Notice (IEDN) to the relevant Cabinet Member in consultation with the relevant Director in accordance with the delegation within this report.
- 2.8 The evaluation team will comprise;

Name	Job Title
Richard Johnson	Contract Manager
Liz Grimshaw	Project Manager
Peter Johnson	Parks, Landscapes & Countryside Manager

2.9 Evaluation of alternative options

- 2.10 Alternatively, CWC could seek to further resource the Arboriculture Team. This would require at least an additional four Grade 6 posts, and a significant investment in specialist equipment.
- 2.11 Whilst the contract supports the delivery of the challenging new tree maintenance and inspection programme it also allows for additional resources to be pulled in during surges in demand, such as during and post storms.

2.12 Reason for decisions

- 2.13 By utilising a contracted arboriculture service provider to support the inhouse team the Arbor department can deliver an efficient and responsive service. A four + four contract term ensures the chosen contractor aligns with the entire four-year maintenance cycle, ensuring inspections and required maintenance schedules are adhered to throughout and avoiding uncertainties in relation to midterm cost pressures.

2.14 The decision has been made to split the contract into two lots to further increase the resilience of the support required during inclement weather, which is becoming more frequent. This also allows smaller, local businesses with local knowledge and a local workforce to partake in the tender.

2.15 Financial implications

2.16 This contract will be funded from the arbor scheme revenue budget which is £762,300 within Environmental Services.

2.17 Legal implications

2.18 The procurement will be an above threshold procedure in accordance with the Public Contract Regulations 2015 and Council's Contract Procedure Rules.

2.19 Equalities implications

2.20 An equalities impact assessment has been carried out, and whilst we do not believe that the services provided under this contract have direct equality implications, we shall use the tender process to check that the contractors appointed to carry out these services ensure fair and equal treatment of their employees.

2.21 All other implications

2.22 There are no other implications arising from the recommendations of this report.

2.23 Recommendation

2.24 Cabinet (Resources) Panel is recommended to delegate authority to the Cabinet Member for City Environment and Climate Change, in consultation with the Director of City Housing and Environment, to approve the award of a contract for Arboricultural works when the evaluation process is complete.

3.0 Councillor Steve Evans, Cabinet Member for City Environment and Climate Change

3.1 Delegated Authority to Award a Contract – Prouds Lane Open Space Improvements

Ref no:	CWC22092
Council Plan aim	Good homes in well connected neighbourhoods
Originating service	Parks and Green Spaces
Accountable officer	Dave Millington, Green Spaces and Bereavement Manager (01902) 556104
Leadership Team approval	17 May 2022
Accountable Lead Cabinet Member	Cllr Steve Evans, Cabinet Member for City Environment and Climate Change (01902) 861498
Date Lead Cabinet Member briefed	17 May 2022
Procurement advisor	Anna Du-Mont, Procurement Manager (01902) 551099

3.2 Background

- 3.3 CWC is committed to ensuring that both existing and new public open spaces meet the needs of the city and its communities. Wherever possible, CWC seek from new major developments either on-site open space provision or off-site specific contributions to improve nearby open spaces.
- 3.4 These contributions can be secured through either Section 106 Agreements, Local Development Orders and Condition 21 Planning obligations. and CWC is responsible not only to ensure that it receives the contribution, but to ensure it is used appropriately.
- 3.5 The Open Space Strategy and Action Plan (OSSAP) sets out priorities for spending on public open space. The OSSAP is used as a guide in deciding whether an open space contribution is required and what such a contribution would be spent on. The OSSAP was reviewed in Spring 2018 and approved by Cabinet in July 2018. Going forward the OSSAP will be reviewed every two years.

3.6 CWC require a contractor to complete landscape improvements to Prouds Lane Open Space, including the renovation of soccer pitches, installation of a play area and perimeter path, the replacement of boundary fencing, hedge planting and tree planting.

3.7 The Construction works to deliver this project comprises of:

- Dismantling of existing fencing
- Excavation works
- Minor earthworks: ground remodelling / grading works to final levels.
- Installation of edging, macadam surfaces and wetpour safety surfaces.
- Installation of fencing and motorcycle barrier.
- Installation of play equipment.
- Installation of street furniture.

Proposed Contract Award	
Contract duration	Five months
Contract Commencement date	17 October 2022
Total value	£386,000

3.8 Procurement Process

3.9 The intended procurement procedure will be an open procedure accordance with Public Contract Regulations 2015. This route to market has been decided as it will allow local businesses to bid for the work, supporting the Wolverhampton pound.

3.10 The evaluation scoring balance will be 70% price, 30% quality. Any amendments to the procurement procedure will be reported in a Individual Executive Decision Notice (IEDN) to the relevant Cabinet Member in consultation with the relevant Director in accordance with the delegation within this report.

3.11 The evaluation team will comprise;

Name	Job Title
Dave Millington	Green Spaces and Bereavement Manager
Edward D'Oyle	Landscape Architect
Peter Johnson	Parks, Landscape and Countryside Manager

3.12 Evaluation of alternative options

3.13 The only other option would be to do nothing; however, this would result in all Section 106 monies having to be returned to the developer and the much-needed improvements to Prouds Lane not being delivered for the local community.

3.14 Reason for decisions

3.15 Delivering these works will allow CWC to provide better, safe, and accessible green spaces, supporting local communities to improve health and wellbeing within the city.

3.16 Financial Implications

3.17 This contract will be from the Prouds Lane Open Space project, which is included in the approved Capital Programme. The project is funded from a contribution of £136,000 from Section 106 developer contributions and £250,000 contribution from Public Health.

3.18 Legal implications

3.19 The procurement will be an above threshold procedure in accordance with the Public Contract Regulations 2015 and Council's Contract Procedure Rules.

3.20 Equalities implications

3.21 The proposals contained in this report will ensure that Prouds Lane playing fields and facilities are more accessible and inclusive.

3.22 All other implications

3.23 The additional tree planting proposed is in accordance with the Council's Tree and Woodland strategy and further supports climate change priorities.

3.24 Recommendation

3.25 Cabinet (Resources) Panel is recommended to delegate authority to the Cabinet Member for City Environment and Climate Change, in consultation with the Director of City Housing and Environment, to approve the award of a contract for Prouds Lane Open Space Improvements when the evaluation process is complete.

4.0 Councillor Bhupinder Gakhal, Cabinet Member for City Assets and Housing

4.1 Delegated Authority to Award a Contract – Asset Management System

Ref no:	CWC21070
Council Plan aim	Driven by Digital
Originating service	City Assets
Accountable officer	Luke Dove, Head of Assets (01902) 557121
Leadership Team approval	13 July 2022
Accountable Lead Cabinet Member	Cllr Bhupinder Gakhal, Cabinet Member for City Assets and Housing
Date Lead Cabinet Member briefed	17 August 2022
Procurement advisor	Barry Greenwood, Procurement Manager

4.2 Background

4.3 CWC currently manages its core property assets data through the use of the asset management software known as SAM. This is an externally provided system currently delivered by Elf Software. The software predominantly allows for the management of core asset data including repairs and maintenance data along with providing a separate lease module for management of the same. More recently CWC have added an additional module known as the Contractor Portal, which allows CWC term contractors to directly access the system and upload required documents directly on completion of works undertaken to assets.

4.4 The contract is currently operating under exemption with a new system now required to be procured to ensure the continued successful, efficient, and compliant management of asset data that offers suitable functionality for the various system users.

Proposed Contract Award	
Contract duration	10 years (3+2+2+2+1)
Contract Commencement date	1 October 2022
Annual value	Year 1: £60,000 Year 2-10: £270,000
Total value	£330,000

4.5 Procurement Process

4.6 The intended procurement procedure will be an open process in accordance with the Public Contract Regulations 2015. This route to market has been decided because it is open for all suppliers to submit a bid and it will result in a more competitive process. This also gives any local suppliers the opportunity to bid for the contract to further support the Wolverhampton Pound.

4.7 The evaluation scoring balance will be 60% price, 40% quality. Any amendments to the procurement procedure will be reported in an Individual Executive Decision Notice (IEDN) to the relevant Cabinet Member in consultation with the relevant Director in accordance with the delegation within this report.

4.8 The evaluation team will comprise;

Name	Job Title
Luke Dove	Head of Assets
Stuart Rutter	Information and Assets Officer
Julie Bell-Barker	Head of Projects and Works

4.9 Evaluation of alternative options

4.10 An alternative option would be to develop a system 'in house' but following discussion with IT, this will not provide the level of functionality required due to the specialist nature of the system.

4.11 Reason for decisions

4.12 Due to the specialist nature of the system an externally hosted system is recommended to be procured to ensure the continued successful management of the Council's asset data.

4.13 Financial Implications

4.14 The new asset management system will provide a bespoke tool that will allow for efficient management of the Council's corporate asset portfolio. The estimated spend of £60,000 in year one and £30,000 annual cost in years two to ten will be funded from existing revenue budgets held within City Assets Management service.

4.15 Legal implications

4.16 The procurement will be an above threshold procedure in accordance with the Public Contract Regulations 2015 and Council's Contract Procedure Rules.

4.17 Equalities implications

4.18 Under the Equality Act 2010, the Council has a statutory duty to pay due regard to impact of how it carries out its business when making budget decisions. In practice, this means that the Council must consciously think about the aims of the Public Sector Equality Duty as part of its decision-making process.

4.19 All other implications

4.20 There are no other implications arising from the recommendations of this report.

4.21 Recommendation

4.22 Cabinet (Resources) Panel is recommended to delegate authority to the Cabinet Member for City Assets and Housing, in consultation with the Deputy Director Assets, to approve the award of a contract for Asset Management System when the evaluation process is complete.

5.0 Councillor Bhupinder Gakhal, Cabinet Member for City Assets and Housing

5.1 Delegated Authority to Award a Contract: Rough Sleeper Services

Ref no:	CWC22100
Council Plan aim	Good homes in well-connected neighbourhoods
Originating service	Public Health – Communities – Homelessness and Migration
Accountable officer	Anthony Walker, Head of Homelessness and Migration
Leadership Team approval	19 July 2022
Accountable Lead Cabinet Member	Cllr Bhupinder Gakhal, Cabinet Member for City Assets and Housing
Date Lead Cabinet Member briefed	20 July 2022
Procurement advisor	Adebimpe Winjobi, Procurement Manager

5.2 Background

- 5.3 On 30 March 2018, Central Government announced the creation of the Rough Sleeper Initiative (RSI) to assist local authorities in delivering against the Homelessness Reduction Act 2017 and to further work to eliminate rough sleeping.
- 5.4 Since 2018, many local authorities across the country have received this funding to enable them to employ dedicated staff and commission services to prevent rough sleeping and assist any individual sleeping rough in their area. Central Government has since made a further commitment to ending rough sleeping across the country by 2024.
- 5.5 To date, City of Wolverhampton Council (CWC) has commissioned a wide range of services using RSI funding. This has included a responsive City-wide outreach team, immigration support and advice, a support worker for female sex workers, work with the private rented sector and a range of meaningful activities and advice.
- 5.6 Wolverhampton has a history of strong partnership working between organisations that support this cohort. This includes CWC's Homelessness, Housing and Public Health teams, voluntary and community organisations, statutory health services, the Police and Wolverhampton BID. This joined up approach has proven to be very successful and has achieved significant outcomes for people rough sleeping or at risk of rough sleeping in the City.

- 5.7 Partnership working increased during the COVID-19 pandemic and the subsequent Everyone In initiative. Multi-agency partners, alongside the City's Housing First programme, supported some of Wolverhampton's most entrenched rough sleepers into their own tenancies. Overall, the number of people bedded down on the streets of Wolverhampton has decreased significantly from 15 individuals in 2019 to five people recorded during the last annual rough sleeper count in 2021.
- 5.8 CWC and its partners are committed to continuing this work to ensure that no individual feels that they have no choice other than to bed down on the streets, and that anyone who does sleep rough is provided with an immediate response and the appropriate support. There is an increasing pressure on rough sleeper services across the country due to the fall out of the COVID-19 pandemic, a lack of social housing and a rise in the end of assured-shorthold tenancies and this is forecast to continue with the impact of the rising cost of living.
- 5.9 The three rough sleeper projects within this contract directly support CWC's objective to achieve good homes in well-connected neighbourhoods. As a part of this, the projects are directly linked to the Access to a Secure Home outcome, focusing on preventing homelessness with early intervention, finding suitable and affordable housing solutions and offering targeted and flexible support to reduce rough sleeping.
- 5.10 The Rough Sleeper Services contract will be split into three lots as detailed below. Partnership bids that draw on the existing successful partnership working with this cohort will be welcomed. If a partnership bid was successful, the lead organisation would then sub-contract to other organisations for delivery against specific lots and/or outcomes. The three lots will provide essential services to prevent and relieve rough sleeping.
- 5.11 **Single Persons Accommodation Project:** The Single Persons Accommodation Project (SPAC) consists of emergency bed spaces and long-term accommodation units with multi-agency office space. The long-term units will have arms-length support and will be set at an affordable rate to allow people to seek employment. These units meet a need for a bridge between supported accommodation and tenancies in the community, to allow people to become independent whilst having the reassurance that support is there if required. The contract will be for a staffing team to deliver the arms-length support, 24hour staff for the emergency beds and concierge.
- 5.12 **Navigator:** This service would combine outreach, in reach and floating support elements. The outreach staff would look to relieve rough sleeping and work with any individuals out on the street to support them into accommodation and signpost into other appropriate support services. The in-reach team would also work to prevent any instances of new or repeat rough sleeping. The in-reach element would include a single point of contact for a re-developed prison release pathway and will have an additional focus on support for women. The service would also provide floating support for all tenures for short, sharp interventions and to signpost people to services that can support them to sustain their tenancy. Floating support would be used as a preventative tool, a step-down offer for those in supported accommodation, a graduation offer for Housing First clients and an assurance for private landlords. This service would bridge the gap for those individuals living in the community and ensure that they can access all services as and when

required and will assist in further increasing tenancy sustainment. The contract will be for a full team to provide all elements of the service.

- 5.13 **Housing First:** Housing First is an international housing project for getting people with complex needs and severe disadvantage a permanent and non-conditional offer of independent accommodation. It provides intensive support to support people to secure and maintain an independent tenancy. This project has been established in Wolverhampton for some time and the contract will be for a support team to continue this support and work to graduate people from the project.
- 5.14 An overall budget of £1,560,215 is available for the three projects until 31 March 2025. The budget is funded using a combination of grant funding from the DLHUC Rough Sleeper Initiative Fund, Homes England Next Steps Accommodation fund and existing general fund provider budgets for Homelessness support.

Proposed Contract Award	
Contract duration	Lot 1 & 3: 27 months Lot 2: 15 months
Contract Commencement date	1 January 2023
Annual value	Lot 1 year 1: £160,500; year 2 &3: £310,000 Lot 2 year 1: £125,000; year 2: £300,000 Lot 3 year 1: £151,715; year 2 £119,000; year 3: £84,000
Total value	£1,560,215

5.15 Procurement Process

- 5.16 The intended procurement procedure will be open procedure in accordance with Public Contract Regulations 2015. This procedure has been chosen because it will support fair and transparent competition, and enable local businesses to bid, further supporting the Wolverhampton Pound.
- 5.17 The evaluation scoring balance will focus primarily on the quality of services provided (60%) and social and environmental value (20%). Cost of services will be evaluated at 20%.
- 5.18 Any amendments to the procurement procedure will be reported in an Individual Executive Decision Notice (IEDN) to the relevant Cabinet Member in consultation with the relevant Director in accordance with the delegation within this report.

5.19 The evaluation team will comprise;

Name	Job Title
Anthony Walker	Head of Homelessness and Migration
Philippa Hulme	Lead Officer – Housing Support & Homelessness
Mike Foster	Rough Sleeper Coordinator

5.20 Evaluation of alternative options

5.21 An alternative option would be to not accept the grant funding for the period of 2022-2025. This is not recommended as CWC would not be able to continue funding rough sleeper services and would not be able to support partners to provide vital support for people with a history of rough sleeping and those at risk of rough sleeping. CWC would also not be able to continue the commitment made to the existing individuals with multiple disadvantage on the Housing First programme and would not be able to continue to support people to maintain their tenancies. The ending of the support in this manner would leave some individuals unable to continue in their tenancies or to engage with vital support and health services.

5.22 Another alternative option would be to not redesign the current funded services into the new Navigator and the Single Persons Accommodation Project. This is not recommended as it would restrict the City's ability to move focus towards prevention work and would not allow for the new, more streamlined services. This would also restrict CWC's ability to provide additional accommodation spaces to meet an identified and pressing need.

5.23 Reason for decisions

5.24 The three rough sleeper projects directly support CWC's objective to achieve good homes in well-connected neighbourhoods. As a part of this, the projects are directly linked to the Access to a Secure Home outcome in the Council Plan, focusing on preventing homelessness with early intervention, finding suitable and affordable housing solutions and offering targeted and flexible support to reduce rough sleeping. The three projects would work directly with some of the most vulnerable residents in the City to support them to access services and accommodation and work towards living independently.

5.25 Financial Implications

5.26 The three rough sleeper projects will be funded using a combination of the following;

- RSI grant allocation 2022-2025 from DLUHC totalling £1,377,150
- Homes England grant of £145,000 from the Next Steps Accommodation Fund

- The balance will be met from Homeless services approved budgets for supported accommodation, equating to £52,000 per year. The Single persons accommodation project will replace some elements of support provided through current contract provision that will come to an end with the new contract.

5.27 Legal implications

5.28 The process will be an above threshold procedure in accordance with the Public Contract Regulations 2015 and Council's Contract Procedure Rules.

5.29 Equalities implications

5.30 As part of the procurement process an equalities impact assessment has been completed. The equality impact assessment is a live document and will continue to be reviewed to ensure that it takes account of inclusion groups and the protected characteristics as covered by the of the Equalities Act 2010.

5.31 All other implications

5.32 There are no other implications arising from the recommendations of this report.

5.33 Recommendation

5.34 Cabinet (Resources) Panel is recommended to delegate authority to the Cabinet Member for City Assets and Housing, in consultation with the Director of City Housing and Environment, to approve the award of contracts for Rough Sleeper Services.

6.0 Financial implications

6.1 All financial implications are included within the relevant section of the report.
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7.0 Legal implications

7.1 All legal implications are included within the relevant section of the report.
[SZ/16082022/P]

8.0 Equalities implications

8.1 The relevance to equalities and progress in terms of equality analysis will vary for each proposal included in this report. Accountable officers have and will ensure that evidence is collected and used to demonstrate compliance with the Council's legal obligations under the Equality Act 2010.

9.0 All other implications

9.1 All other implications are included within the relevant section of the report.

10.0 Schedule of background papers

10.1 All background papers are included in the relevant section of the report.