

Agenda Item No 3

Special Sub-Group

9 October, 2012

Report of the Assistant Director (Streetscape)

Coleshill Leisure Centre

1 Summary

- 1.1 This report gives Members the opportunity to discuss the use of the EMPA Framework for the Coleshill Leisure Centre project and to consider the next steps in the process to secure a replacement facility.

Recommendation to the Sub-Group

That Members endorse the Council's decision to appoint a suitable contractor from the EMPA Intermediate Projects Framework

2 Background

- 2.1 The Council recently used the EMPA intermediate Projects Framework to appoint Wates Construction to undertake the initial stages of a Design and Build project to replace the existing leisure centre at Coleshill with a new facility on the site of Coleshill school.
- 2.2 Because of time constraints brought about by the limited opportunity to apply for external funding, the Council used a suitable OJEU compliant framework agreement to commission the necessary works rather than a more traditional procurement route which would have taken much longer and would potentially have jeopardised the opportunity to secure a significant amount of capital support for the scheme.
- 2.3 A significant amount of work was undertaken by officers to ensure that the approach proposed was suitable and viable and that the key project outcomes of cost and timescale would not be adversely affected by procuring the necessary works in this way. It is likely that, whatever the timescale, a project of this type would be delivered using a Design & Build approach and given the availability of a suitable framework for projects of this nature, there is a strong chance that we would have gone down this route regardless of the time constraints, particularly as Wates have performed very strongly throughout the process to appoint the main contractor for the Accommodation Project.
- 2.4 The Council already makes regular use of framework contracts to procure a range of goods and services. Nevertheless, the use of a framework agreement to procure work for a project of this type and scale is a new approach for the Council and representatives of Coventry City Council (who will manage this project on our behalf) and Scape (who administer the EMPA frameworks) will give a detailed explanation of the key features of this approach to the Special Sub Group in order that Members can be confident that the project will be successfully delivered and that the Council's interests are best served by following this route.

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