

REPORT TO: Executive Board
DATE: 16 June 2016
REPORTING OFFICER: Strategic Director, People & Economy
PORTFOLIO: Resources
SUBJECT: Corporate Security Contract
WARDS: Borough-Wide

1.0 PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

1.1 The purpose of the report is to notify members that a tender opportunity for Corporate Security Services is to be published via The Chest in compliance with the EU Public Procurement Regulations 2006 and Procurement Standing Orders, following our existing provider Select Security (North West) Ltd going into administration on January 19th 2016. The report also seeks to notify Members that the Chief Exec approved a waiver of standing orders under standing order 1.8.1 emergency powers in respect of the interim security provision.

2.0 RECOMMENDATION: That

- 1) Members note the intention to procure a new corporate security contract in line with the EU Public Procurement Regulations 2006 and procurement standing orders; and**
- 2) Members note that the Chief Executive approved a waiver of standing orders, under Procurement Standing Order 1.8.1. Emergency Procedures, in respect of the provision of interim security arrangement until such time that a new contract is awarded.**

3.0 SUPPORTING INFORMATION

3.1 Select Security (North West) Ltd were awarded the Corporate Security Contract following a procurement exercise last year, the contract commenced on 1st June 2015, it being for a 3 year period with the option to extend for a further period of 12 months subject to satisfactory performance.

- 3.2 The company was placed into administration on 19 January 2016 by its secured creditor, Pulse Finance Cashflow 2 Limited. The business and assets were sold on 22nd January 2016, the name of the purchasing entity was ANBP Management Contract Services (NW) Limited (“ANBP”). A change of company name has since taken place and the company is now called Select Security (NW) Limited.
- 3.3 The Council was initially unaware that Select Security (North West) Ltd had gone into administration as the services provided under the security contract continued after 19th January 2016 with no notable change. In early February 2016, the Council became aware that SSNW Ltd had gone into administration and that the new company, Select Security (NW) Ltd, had taken on the provision of services under the contract following the purchase of the business and assets of SSNW Ltd.
- 3.4 Following a meeting it was acknowledged that, as an interim measure, the Council had little option but to continue with the current provider of the security contract. This decision was subject to them demonstrating that they had everything in place necessary to deliver such a service, this has since been verified, as such a waiver of standing orders was given by the Chief Executive under standing order 1.8.1. emergency procedures.
- 3.5 A letter has been issued to Select Security (NW) Ltd informing them of the following:-
- The original contract awarded to Select Security (North West) Limited on the 1 June 2015 (“original agreement”) has not been novated or assigned to Select Security (NW) Limited.
 - Under the original agreement the Council has exercised its right, via notice in writing, to terminate the said agreement following the passing of a resolution by SSNW Ltd in relation to its dissolution and the appointment of an Administrator. In addition the Council will be writing separately to the Administrator to confirm that it will be exercising its right to terminate the original agreement.
 - The Council intends to re-tender the security services provision by undertaking a full EU procurement process. Select Security (NW) Limited, along with any other interested parties, will be able to submit a tender for the service.
 - The Council has agreed to allow the existing security services provision to be delivered by Select Security (NW) Limited on an interim basis pending the completion of the re-tendering process.

- 3.6 The new procurement arrangements will see us let 1 main contract with 3 separate sections, covering Open Spaces & Sports Development, Corporate Premises and the Brindley & Stadium. The new contract will be for a 3 year period with the provision for A 12 month extension subject to satisfactory performance giving a maximum contract length of 4 years.
- 3.7 Funding for the security services delivered under the new contract will come from a variety of areas from across the Council but will be contained with existing Council Budgets.

4.0 POLICY IMPLICATIONS

- 4.1 The new contract will be procured in-line with procurement standing orders and is to be evaluated on both cost and quality thus ensuring that the most economically advantageous terms are obtained for the Council

5.0 OTHER IMPLICATIONS

- 5.1 The total estimated annual expenditure under the contract is £620,000, which is broken down as indicated below. The total value of the contract over 4 years is therefore estimated to be £2.48m.

Corporate Buildings £387,000
Open Spaces & Development £135,000
The Brindley & Stadium £98,000

6.0 IMPLICATIONS FOR THE COUNCIL'S PRIORITIES

- 6.1 Children and Young People in Halton

None

- 6.2 Employment, Learning and Skills in Halton

None

- 6.3 A Healthy Halton

None

- 6.4 A Safer Halton

The provision of a security contract will help ensure that the Council's property and land portfolio is managed and maintained to ensure the security and safety of all those who use and operate Council run services.

6.5 Halton's Urban Renewal

None.

7.0 RISK ANALYSIS

7.1 There are no key risks associated with the procurement of a new corporate security contract

8.0 EQUALITY AND DIVERSITY ISSUES

8.1 None

9.0 LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS UNDER SECTION 100D OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1972

9.1 None for the purposes of the Act.