

Record of officer decision

Decision title:	Student accommodation on Station Approach cost review services
Date of decision:	18 January 2019
Decision maker:	Director for Economy and Place
Authority for delegated decision:	<p>Key decision by Cabinet on 13/12/2018: Development Regeneration Programme - Station Approach project approval http://hc-modgov:9070/mgIssueHistoryHome.aspx?Ild=50028123&Opt=0 (i) a further capital sum of up to £100k is approved for drawing down from the Development Partnership capital budget for council client support to deliver the project, including staff costs, due diligence and financial and legal support.</p>
Ward:	Widemarsh
Consultation:	None required
Decision made:	Award a contract to Greenwood Projects for the provision of cost review service for a period of 3 months at a total cost of up to £10,000
Reasons for decision:	<p>The provider was selected from University of Worcester Framework following a mini competition managed by the council's Property Services department according to the terms of the framework.</p> <p>The services are aimed at verifying best value of the proposals from the council's development partner and will comprise:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Review drawings / documents and review BCIS data for similar projects. - Measure quantities for technical check. - Review Contractor's Cost Plan and advise comments to Contractor and Client - Attend clarification meetings with Contractor / Client and review associated feedback, etc. (assumed 2 meetings in total). - Draft, amend and issue report. <p>The report will be used to underpin the decision to approve the student accommodation at station approach project. This decision was delegated to the Director for Economy and Place in the key Cabinet decision taken on 13th December. This project will support the Hereford College of Arts strategy for expansion and the development of the new university (NMiTE). It, therefore, supports the council's Economic Vision in making Herefordshire a great place to study.</p>
Highlight any associated risks/finance/legal/equality considerations:	The study will confirm that the project proposals being developed by the council's development partner meet the best value test and is part of the due diligence for the project. It is, therefore, intended to address the risk that the scheme being proposed does not offer value for money.
Details of any alternative options considered and rejected:	A number of bids from suppliers on the framework were evaluated but the Greenwood Projects bids was considered to offer best value.

Details of any declarations of interest made:	None
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