

**Agenda item no. 5 - Questions from Councillors**

Question Number	Questioner	Question	Question to
PQ 1	Cllr Mark Woodall	<p>Concerning the recommendations presented for approval in Appendix 1- Findings of Market Engagement Public Realm Services Model Report 24 September 2024</p> <p>Recommendation 1 significantly increases the value of scheme work to councils' discretion and recommendation 2 removes the upper threshold entirely.</p> <p>1: Will the 'value for money' justifications be presented to council members <i>before</i> contracts for these high value schemes are approved and 2: What type of format or level of detail can we expect to see in the demonstration of value?</p>	Cllr Bramer
<p><b>Response:</b></p> <p>Question 1) It is proposed project work up to £250,000 in value per project is to be included within the scope of the contract. The prices secured for the services including such project work will be subject to a competitive tendering process, which will deliver the necessary assurances regarding value for money. The contract provides flexibility should the council wish to deliver such projects by alternative arrangements.</p> <p>Question 2) The contract mechanism for including works above the £250,000 project threshold, including demonstration of value for money, are being developed a part of the contract documents. And this can be shared with Members once developed.</p>			
<p><b>Supplementary question</b></p> <p>Thank you Cllr Bramer. As a supplementary question to item 2 could he provide assurance that the contract terms explaining the required demonstration of value for money <i>will</i> be circulated to members and to the Audit &amp; Governance Committee <i>before</i> qualifying contracts are awarded?.</p>			
<p><b>Supplementary response</b></p> <p>We will ensure the contract mechanism, including the demonstration of value for money, is circulated in accordance with the governance framework.</p>			