

Report of	Meeting	Date
Director of Business Development and Growth	Executive Member Decision	25 th March 2019

ADDITIONAL HOUSING STUDY CENTRAL LANCASHIRE LOCAL PLAN

PURPOSE OF REPORT

- To approve the award of a contract to undertake an addendum to the Strategic Housing Market Assessment (SHMA) to inform the emerging new Central Lancashire Local Plan.

RECOMMENDATION(S)

- To approve the appointment of Iceniprojects to undertake the additional housing study to the value of £15,840.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY OF REPORT

- A strategic housing market assessment was commissioned by the three local authorities of Preston, Chorley and South Ribble in 2016 in order to inform the review of the central Lancashire local plan.
- This piece of evidence was published in September 2017 and was produced in accordance with the published guidance (NPPG) and national policy (NPPF) which was in place at the time.
- There have since been many developments in national planning policy and guidance with a refreshed NPPG published in July 2018 and updated in February 2019 following the implementation of policy instruments including the housing delivery test and the national standard method for housing.

Confidential report Please bold as appropriate	Yes	No
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Key Decision? Please bold as appropriate	Yes	No
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Reason Please bold as appropriate	1, a change in service provision that impacts upon the service revenue budget by £100,000 or more	2, a contract worth £100,000 or more
	3, a new or unprogrammed capital scheme of £100,000 or more	4, Significant impact in environmental, social or physical terms in two or more wards

REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATION(S)

(If the recommendations are accepted)

people within the client groups requiring specific needs, an estimate of the total number of people within the client group, current provision, identified gaps in provision; and policy recommendations to meet these needs for these groups for the next five years and the full Plan Period to 2036. These are to include older people (including bungalows, extra care and dementia), students, and families with children.

- To consider and suggest policy interventions which would improve key health indicators (including but not exclusive to, physical movement, air quality, sustainable travel).

11. As this is an addendum piece of work to the SHMA and therefore the consultants' undertaking the initial work are best placed to produce this given their prior knowledge and expertise of the area and the work produced to-date, two consultancies were invited to submit proposals for the work (as personnel from the original Consultancy , G I Hearn) have set up separately in a consultancy called Iceniprojects.
12. The basis of the award was made wholly on price and the two respective proposals were £15,840 and £33,300 respectively. Therefore, it is proposed that Iceniprojects be appointed at a price of £15,840.
13. The contract will be managed by Chorley Council on behalf of the three central Lancashire councils, with costs borne by all three councils as part of the local plan programme.
14. The work is expected to be complete by the end of June 2019 (total programme 11 weeks).

IMPLICATIONS OF REPORT

15. This report has implications in the following areas and the relevant Directors' comments are included:

Finance	X	Customer Services	
Human Resources		Equality and Diversity	
Legal	X	Integrated Impact Assessment required?	
No significant implications in this area		Policy and Communications	

COMMENTS OF THE STATUTORY FINANCE OFFICER

16. The cost of this study will be met from the local plan budget or the local development grant

COMMENTS OF THE MONITORING OFFICER

17. Although this is a completely discrete piece of work, it is acknowledged that fore knowledge of the area and the type of work would be of benefit. It is noted also that the proposed winner of the contract was significantly cheaper in price than the other contractor approached. It is accepted that the contract fee should not be aggregated with the earlier contract and that whilst this level procurement would generally require publishing on the Chest, this is not appropriate in this instance.

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