

Chief Officer Action

Report title: Utilising Bloom procurement platform to procure the delivery of Essex Future Energy Scenario and pathways to Net Zero study.	
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County Divisions affected: N/A	

1. Purpose of report

- 1.1. To seek approval to procure Element Energy to deliver research supporting the development of an Essex Energy Plan to inform the Energy Special Interest Group of the Commission via a direct award through the Bloom procurement platform.

2. Recommendation

- 2.1. To agree this procurement method to deliver the project.

3. Background

- 3.1. The purpose of the Essex Future Energy Scenario and pathways to Net Zero study is to inform Essex Climate Commission Energy Special Interest Group to support delivering its objective of reducing the carbon footprint of both ECC and Essex as a whole.
- 3.2. The Bloom procurement platform offers public sector organisations a marketplace to buy and manage services, they provided an OJEU compliant, open access, fully managed procurement service.
- 3.3. Using the Bloom procurement platform will allow for ECC to directly award the work to Element Energy.

- 3.4. Element Energy are the preferred and only supplier capable of delivering ECC requirements for this study within the £40,000 allocated budget. The supplier has been asked to price proposals for £25,000 and options for additional work packages up to a combined total of £40,000.
- 3.5. The requirements of ECC proposed study build directly upon the 'Future Energy Scenarios' report Element Energy have completed for UK Power Networks (UKPN).
- 3.6. The unique and complex nature of both the UKPN and ECC study requires significant intellectual property regarding locality-specific data and models, for which any other organisation would be both time and cost intensive to deliver.
- 3.7. As a result, in order to deliver both value for money and the required outcome for the residents of Essex it is recommended the we procure the service of Element Energy through the Bloom procurement platform.

4. Financial Implications

- 4.1. On 1st June 2020, decision FP/712/06/20 was published authorising the drawdown of £250,000 from the Essex Climate Change Commission, delegating expenditure to the Director, Environment and Climate Action, in consultation with the Chairman of the Essex Climate Action Commission.
- 4.2. The spend profile and status of spend can be found in Appendix 6.3, with this project reflected on line 11, activity ID 2020/21_6.
- 4.3. There are no impacts to the existing MTRS in approving this decision.

5. Legal Implications

- 5.1. The contract will use the standard low value RFQ terms and conditions.

6. List of Appendices

- 6.1. UKPN- Future Energy Scenario Documents Report
- 6.2. Bloom Service Specification Document
- 6.3. Climate Change Commission Spend profile and commitment

I approve the above recommendations set out above for the reasons set out in the report.	Date:
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