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**Record of Officer
Executive Decision**
Ref. No: DforDS&R/014/21-22
Date of Decision: 24 November 2021

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Record of Decision: DforDS&R/015/21-22 Worthing Heat Network: Appointment of Technical, Commercial and Stakeholder Engagement support

Decision taken by: Director for Digital Sustainability & Resources

Declaration of Disclosable Pecuniary Interests: Declaration: I do not have a disclosable pecuniary interest, or conflict of interest.

Delegated authority:

Joint Strategic Committee meeting - 2 March 2021 - authorised the Director of Digital, Sustainability and Resources to accept any grant funding to be received into the Council's budget for allocation to development of the heat network project; and to enter into any necessary consultancy contracts arising from the expenditure of the approved budget.

Joint Strategic Committee meeting - 7 October 2021 - authorised the Director for Digital, Sustainability and Resources to enter into any contracts for expenditure of HNIP funding to progress the two phases of the Heat Network delivery.

Decision: To award the contract for Technical, Commercial and Stakeholder Engagement support of the Worthing Heat Network Project to AECOM via the SCAPE Consultancy Framework Lot 2.

The Contract amount is up to £496,000, to be funded from the £950,000 HNIP grant discussed at JSC on 5/10/2021.

Key Decision: Yes

Reason For Decision:

To provide skilled technical, commercial and stakeholder engagement expertise to enable the council to continue in its delivery of the Worthing Heat Network. The appointed consultants will work closely with the council, central government, public sector partners and other externally appointed consultants to deliver a successful project. This work will include significant refinement of the technical design of the heat network and associated financial modelling, skilled engagement with public sector offtakers and overall strategic thinking regarding the appropriate business models and procurement options available to deliver the project.

Since being appointed as technical consultants at the start of the project, AECOM have delivered a number of feasibility studies and appendices that have contributed to the

project's success to date. Additionally, subcontractors 1Energy have been working closely with WBC to refine the business case and secure offtaker buy-in to the project since their appointment in 2020. The value of the subcontracted work is £175,000.

Alternative Options Considered:

The Worthing Heat Network is on a very tight delivery time frame due to the conditions set by the funding agreements offered to WBC by BEIS. As such, a full procurement exercise would result in unacceptable delays to the project. The proposed solution offers the council an effective way to ensure momentum in this flagship decarbonisation project is continued.

Other Matters Considered:

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| Legal Advice and Issues | x | Financial Advice and Issues | x |
| Sustainability Issues | x | Equality Issues | x |
| Community Safety Issues | x | Human Rights Issues | x |
| Reputation | x | Risk Assessment | x |
| Health & Safety Issues | x | | |

Consultation:

Legal and Procurement colleagues have been advising the client department (Sustainability) since the beginning of the project. Joint Strategic Committee has been kept abreast of progress at regular updates (most recently in March and October 2021). A further update to JSC is planned for Spring 2022, prior to the advertisement of the procurement opportunity.

Background Papers:

- [JSC/47/21-22 - Carbon Neutral 2030: Worthing Heat Network: Progress Update \(JSC 5/10/21\)](#)
- [JSC/128/20-21 - Carbon Neutral 2030 Worthing Heat Network \(JSC 2/3/21\)](#)
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Call-in: The call-in deadline for this decision will be 5:00pm on 1 December 2021



Signed:

Dated: 24 November 2021

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