

REPORT TO: CABINET

DATE OF MEETING: 17TH DECEMBER 2013

LEAD MEMBER / OFFICER: COUNCILLOR BARBARA SMITH

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TITLE: CONTRACT RENEWAL – MATRIX

1. What is the report about?

The report relates to the renewal of the current contract (with Matrix SCM), via the MSTAR framework for managing the Council's agency workers thus improving control, safeguarding and visibility as well as delivering efficiency savings.

2. What is the reason for making this report?

Due to the value of the contract, there is a requirement to obtain approval from cabinet to proceed. In order to meet the renewal date a decision is required by 1st January 2014

3. What are the Recommendations?

That members support the decision to renew the Matrix Contract via the MSTAR framework.

4. Report details.

The Council has used Matrix SCM to manage its supply of agency workers for a number of years. During this time, the contract has delivered considerable savings for the Council through more competitive rates; more efficient processes and the provision of better management information to assist the effective management of agency workers.

The renewal of the contract is part of a collaborative agreement with Flintshire County Council and Wrexham County Borough Council with Flintshire County Council being the lead authority.

Over the past 12 months, extensive work has been undertaken by the Managed Agency Contract Manager, Susan Kelly and Head of Procurement, Arwel Staples to identify a compliant framework to procure a neutral vendor provider. A neutral vendor provider is a model whereby the managed service provider (Matrix SCM in this case) has no interest in the direct recruitment or resourcing of any of the services it manages on behalf of the client. The vendor therefore releases all jobs or service requests to all supplying agencies for the appropriate category at the same time through the managed services system.

One framework is the MSTAR (Managed Service to Temporary Agency Resources) framework which is a national framework for the provision of managed temporary agency resourcing services to local authorities, educational establishments and other wider public sector organisations throughout the UK. It has been agreed collaboratively that the MSTAR framework is the most suitable for the three authorities in question, and to renew the contract with Matrix SCM under this framework.

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5. How does the decision contribute to the Corporate Priorities?

This contributes to the Council's priority to modernise the council to deliver efficiencies and improve services to our customers.

6. What will it cost and how will it affect other services?

There will be no additional cost incurred with the renewal of this contract.

7. What are the main conclusions of the Equality Impact Assessment (EqIA) undertaken on the decision? The completed EqIA template should be attached as an appendix to the report.

N/A

8. What consultations have been carried out with Scrutiny and others?

This has been discussed with the Lead Member and Corporate Director. No consultation has been taken place as it is a contract renewal for a system that is currently in place.

9. Chief Finance Officer Statement

There are no financial implications.

10. What risks are there and is there anything we can do to reduce them?

There are no risks associated with this Contract.

11. Power to make the Decision

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