

WIRRAL COUNCIL

ECONOMY AND REGENERATION OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE
– 17th June 2010

REPORT OF DEPUTY CHIEF EXECUTIVE/DIRECTOR OF CORPORATE
SERVICES

**ACCEPTANCE OF TENDER USING DELEGATED AUTHORITY –
INTERMEDIARY SERVICE FOR THE CONSTRUCTION EMPLOYMENT
INTERGRATOR (CEI)**

1.0 EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

1.1 This report informs Members of the use of delegated authority by the Deputy Chief Executive/Director of Corporate Services to accept a tender in the maximum sum of £111,008 for the Construction Employment Intermediary Service..

2.0 BACKGROUND

2.1 Cabinet on 28th May 2009 (Agenda Item 14, Minute 20) agreed that Working Wirral resources (including Working Neighbourhoods Fund (WNF) and Deprived Areas Fund) should be used to commission activity to implement a Construction Employer Integrator (CEI) project.

2.2 The CEI will be called 'Build Wirral' and will provide a mechanism that will ensure people from disadvantaged groups and areas within Wirral are able to access jobs and training opportunities arising in the construction industry.

2.3 A business plan for the CEI was prepared by Amion Consulting on behalf of the Council and the employment coalition Working Ventures (UK). The business plan included the appointment of a specialist intermediary as part of the CEI delivery structure. The intermediary will manage the recruitment, training and placement of individuals into construction opportunities that have been captured through the planning and procurement processes.

2.4 The appointment of an intermediary was commissioned through a tender process under the contract procedure rules which involved a notice being posted in the Official Journal of the European Union (OJEU). The timescale for this contract is 2 years, which will end in June 2012.

- 2.5 The cost for delivering the service will be dependent on demand. The estimated number of participants that will be engaged in the CEI is likely to be approximately 100 over the next two years. The anticipated costs for the service are based on this estimate.
- 2.6 The tenders received were evaluated against two elements, Quality weighted at 60% and Price worth 40% of the marks. The overall scores were then calculated as a percentage of the highest quality score from evaluating all of the tenders. The overall score for cost was similarly calculated as a percentage of the lowest cost tendered.
- 2.7 Four submissions were evaluated as part of the Invitation to tender; a summary of the evaluation is shown below:

Overall Ranking	Tender	Overall Score for Price & Quality (%)	Maximum Value
1	Wirral Metropolitan College	100.00	£111,008
2	Fusion 21	79.39	£190,450
3	Shire 4 Education	78.33	£149,039
4	CFM Partnerships and Nobles Construction	43.48	£189,800

- 2.8 The most economically advantageous tender received that has been accepted under delegated powers in accordance with paragraph 14.4 of the contract procedure rules, was as follows:

<u>Tender</u>	<u>Maximum Value</u>
Wirral Metropolitan College	£111,008

3.0 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 3.1 The cost of the intermediary will be funded from the Working Neighbourhoods Fund.

4.0 STAFFING IMPLICATIONS

- 4.1 The contract for the Intermediary Service will be managed from existing staff resources in the Regeneration Department. .

5.0 EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES IMPLICATIONS

- 5.1 The CEI identifies an opportunity for securing employment in the construction industry for workless and other disadvantaged people who are furthest away from the labour market.

6.0 COMMUNITY SAFETY IMPLICATIONS

6.1 There are none arising directly from this report.

7.0 LOCAL AGENDA 21 IMPLICATIONS

7.1 There are no Local Agenda 21 Implications

8.0 PLANNING IMPLICATIONS

8.1 There are no planning implications.

9.0 ANTI-POVERTY IMPLICATIONS

9.1 The CEI will target people who are workless and from disadvantaged groups and this will promote social inclusion.

10.0 SOCIAL INCLUSION IMPLICATIONS

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11.0 LOCAL MEMBER SUPPORT IMPLICATIONS

11.1. There are no specific implications arising directly from this report.

12.0 BACKGROUND PAPERS

12.1 Cabinet Report, Construction Employment Integrator, 28th May 2009 (Agenda Item 14)

13.0 ACCESS TO INFORMATION ACT

13.1 There are no Information Act implications.

14.0 RECOMMENDATIONS

14.1 Committee is asked to note that the tender submitted by Wirral Metropolitan College for the anticipated value of £111,008 was the most economically advantageous tender and has been accepted under delegated powers exercised by the Deputy Chief Executive/Director of Corporate Services in accordance with paragraph 14.4 of the contract procedure rules.

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