

Audit & Accounts Committee 13 February 2018

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Report of the Chief Executive

Reporting of Waivers

SUMMARY

1.1 There are a total of 17 waivers within this report covering the period 31 October 2017 to 31 January 2018 and broken down by directorate below:-

| | | Classification | | |
|----------------------------|----------------------|----------------|-----------|--|
| Directorate | Number of Waivers | Unavoidable | Avoidable | |
| Communities & Place | 5 | 3 | 2 | |
| People Services | 5 | 3 | 2 | |
| Organisation & Governance | 7 | 0 | 7 | |
| Total Number of Waivers | 17 | 6 | 11 | |

Of these waivers 6 were unavoidable.

RECOMMENDATION

2.1 That the Committee note the contents of the report.

REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATION

3.1 The information is for reporting purposes only; no decision is required by the committee.

SUPPORTING INFORMATION

4.1 All waivers are reported at appendix 2

OTHER OPTIONS CONSIDERED

5.1 Not applicable.

This report has been approved by the following officers:

| Legal officer | |
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| Financial officer | |
| Human Resources officer | |
| Estates/Property officer | |
| Service Director(s) | |
| Other(s) | |

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| Background papers: | None |
| List of appendices: | Appendix 1 – Implications |
| | Appendix 2 – Waivers |

IMPLICATIONS

Financial and Value for Money

1.1 Each decision to waive competition requirements, where competition exists, has a financial impact which is taken into account when preparing the application for the waiver.

Legal

- 2.1 The report complies with the requirements of contract procedure rules to report waivers to the Audit and Accounts Committee.
- 2.2 Any waiver that increases the overall contract value or which is a direct award of a contract without competition, even where the value is below EU procurement thresholds, is contrary to the overarching principles of the Treaty for the Functioning of the European Union (i.e. transparency, equal treatment, proportionality, non-discrimination and mutual recognition) and therefore exposes to the Council to a risk (albeit this risk will in most cases be low) of a legal challenge. The grant of a waiver in accordance with the Council's Contract Procedure Rules does not remove this risk.

Personnel

3.1 None.

IT

4.1 None.

Equalities Impact

5.1 None.

Health and Safety

6.1 None.

Environmental Sustainability

7.1 None.

Property and Asset Management

8.1 None.

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Risk Management

9.1 Any risks associated have been considered by the Head of Procurement and are being managed as part of the procurement process.

Corporate objectives and priorities for change

10.1 None.

Appendix 2

| Type of waiver | Department/ Division seeking the waiver | Brief Description of the Contract | Value | Additional comments and/or reasons the waiver is needed | Date of Approval |
|-------------------|---|---|----------|---|------------------------|
| Unavoidable | Peoples Services | Child placements for Special Education Needs | £362,250 | To cover a period of 5 academic years | 27 October 2017 |
| Unavoidable | Peoples Services | Younger Adult Domiciliary Care Services | £21,779 | Urgent Placement | 2 November 2017 |
| Unavoidable | Communities & Place | Major Projects Valuer within the Strategic Asset Management and Estates Team | £38,480 | An interim post (6 months) to allow for a recruitment process | 14 November 2017 |
| Avoidable | Peoples Services | Younger Adult Domiciliary Care Services | £350,000 | Further extension of current contract due to delay in procurement process | 20 November 2017 |
| Avoidable | Organisation & Governance | Review of Housing Options | £20,000 | Report required in advance of budget setting in January 2018 | 22 November 2017 |
| Avoidable | Communities & Place | Inter-library van delivery service | £36,000 | Extension of current contract to allow for the completion of the Libraries Strategic Review | 30 November 2017 |
| Unavoidable | Peoples Services | Child placements for Special Education Needs | £118,360 | To cover a period of 2 academic years | 11 December 2017 |
| Avoidable | Organisation & Governance | Support and maintenance of the GIS system | £52,300 | Extension of current contract for 2 years | 13 December 2017 |
| Avoidable | Organisation & Governance | Purchase of 8 new Servers | £34,432 | To stabilise the Oracle E- Business Suite estate | 13 December 2017 |
| Avoidable | Organisation & Governance | Changes to the Business Intelligence component of the Oracle E-Business Suite | £24,300 | To stabilise the Oracle E- Business Suite estate | 13 December 2017 |
| Unavoidable | Communities & Place | IT Software for the Project Water and Flood Defence Team | £11,540 | Single provider of industry standard | 14 December 2017 |

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| Avoidable | Organisation & Governance | Supply of ICT Cabling | £8,548 | New contract not yet in place | 8 December 2017 |
|-------------|------------------------------|--|-----------|---|------------------------|
| Avoidable | Organisation & Governance | Provision and Reporting of consumer and demographic data | £18,130 | Extension of current contract for 1 year | 31 October 2017 |
| Avoidable | Communities & Place | Internet Services for Friar Gate Studios and the Council House | £13,000 | Extension of current contract for 3 months | 20 December 2017 |
| Unavoidable | Communities & Place | Recruitment and supervision of a China Liaison Officer in China | £50,000 | Single known reliable source in China | 21 December 2017 |
| Avoidable | Organisation & Governance | Operation and Management of Bold Lane Car Park | 1,880,000 | Extension of current contract for 4 years to bring in to line all car park contracts | 21 December 2017 |
| Avoidable | Peoples Services | Residential Care System support and maintenance | £4,494 | Further extension to old contract whilst teething problems with new system are resolved | 27 December 2017 |