

POLICY AND RESOURCES COMMITTEE - 24 JANUARY 2022

PART I - DELEGATED

14. EXEMPTION FROM PROCUREMENT PROCEDURE RULES – ADDITIONAL RESTRICTIONS GRANT PROJECTS (DCES)

1 Summary

- 1.1 To advise Members that an exemption to the Procurement process was approved by the Director of Community and Environmental Services and the Chief Executive under the Exceptional Circumstances exemption as permitted by the Council's Constitution.

2 Details

- 2.1 An exemption may be considered by the Chief Executive or a Director in exceptional circumstances. This applies in the case of the projects being delivered under the Additional Restrictions Grant (ARG).
- 2.2 Once approved, a report to the Policy and Resources Committee must detail the actions taken. This report is for information only to comply with the requirements of the Constitution.
- 2.3 These projects were agreed at the 6 December 2021 Policy and Resources Committee and an exemption was given to award a number of contracts to the following providers and values:

Contract	Provider	Contract Value
ARG Grant Funding Lead Generation & Appointment Setting Campaign	Blueberry Marketing Solutions	£6,262
Smarter Society/ Sustainable X Three Rivers Sustainable Business Scheme	Smarter Society	£167,000
Sustainable X Three Rivers	Sustainable X	£35,000
Smarter Society: Three Rivers Chamber of Commerce Phase 2	Smarter Society	£40,500
Wenta: The Provision of Pre-Start-Up Support Programme for new local businesses.	Wenta	£49,475.55
Smarter Travel Planning – Green Travel Planning Initiatives	Smarter Travel Planning	£28,000

3 Options and Reasons for Recommendations

- 3.1 The Constitution requires that a report is taken to the Policy and Resources Committee on the action taken in the event that an exemption to the procurement process is approved.

4 Policy/Budget Reference and Implications

4.1 The recommendations in this report are set out in Part 4 of the Council's Constitution.

5 Financial,

5.1 None specific as the TRDC contribution remains at £8,000.

6 Legal, Equal Opportunities, Staffing, Environmental, Community Safety, Public Health, Customer Services Centre, Communications & Website, Risk Management and Health & Safety Implications

6.1 None Specific.

7 Risk Management and Health & Safety Implications

7.1 None Specific

8 Recommendation

8.1 That the Policy and Resources Committee note the action taken.

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Data Quality

Data sources: N/A

Background Papers

The Council's Constitution: Part 4 – Contracts Procedure Rules

APPENDICES / ATTACHMENTS

None