

Notice of Meeting and Agenda Scotland Excel Executive Sub-committee

| Date | Time | Venue |
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| Friday, 07 December 2018 | 09:45 | City Chambers, Glasgow City Council, 80 George Square, Glasgow, G2 1DU |

KENNETH GRAHAM Clerk

Membership

Provost Bill Howatson (Aberdeenshire Council); Councillor Angus Macmillan Douglas (Angus Council); Councillor Graham Hutchison (City of Edinburgh Council); Provost Norman A Macdonald (Comhairle Nan Eilean Siar); Councillor Stephen Thompson (Dumfries and Galloway Council); Councillor Altany Craik (Fife Council); Bailie Norman MacLeod (Glasgow City Council); Councillor Alister Mackinnon (Highland Council); (North Ayrshire Council); Councillor Paul Di Mascio (North Lanarkshire Council); Councillor John Shaw (Renfrewshire Council); Councillor Amanda Hawick (Shetland Islands Council) and Councillor Collette Stevenson (South Lanarkshire Council)

Councillor John Shaw (Convener): Councillor Paul Di Mascio (Vice Convener)

Further Information

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Items of business

Apologies

Apologies from members.

Declarations of Interest

Members are asked to declare an interest in any item(s) on the agenda and to provide a brief explanation of the nature of the interest.

1 Minute

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Submit Minute of meeting of the Executive Sub-committee held on 23 November 2018.

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Hot Beverage Machinery and Supplies

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2(b) Contract for Approval: Provision of Energy Advice 17 - 34

Report by Director of Scotland Excel.

3 Date of Next Meeting

Note that the next meeting of the Executive Sub-committee will be held at 10.45 am on 25 January 2019 in Scotland Excel Meeting Room 1, Renfrewshire House, Cotton Street, Paisley.



Minute of Meeting Scotland Excel Executive Sub-committee

| Date | Time | Venue | | | |
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| Friday, 23 November 2018 | 10:45 | Scotland Renfrewsh | Excel ire House | Meeting e, Cotton St | 1, sley |

Present

Councillor Charles Buchan (Aberdeenshire Council) (substitute for Provost William Howatson); Bailie Norman MacLeod (Glasgow City Council); Councillor Paul Di Mascio (North Lanarkshire Council); Councillor John Shaw (Renfrewshire Council); Councillor Amanda Westlake (Shetland Islands Council) and Councillor Collette Stevenson (South Lanarkshire Council).

Chair

Councillor Shaw, Convener, presided.

In Attendance

J Welsh, Director, H Carr, Head of Strategic Procurement and S Brannagan, Head of Customer & Business Services (all Scotland Excel); and A MacArthur, Head of Finance, M Conaghan, Legal & Democratic Services Manager and D Low, Senior Committee Services Officer (all Renfrewshire Council).

Apologies

Provost Bill Howatson, (Aberdeenshire Council); Councillor Angus Douglas (Angus Council); Councillor Graham Hutchison (City of Edinburgh Council); Provost Norman Macdonald (Comhairle Nan Eilean Siar); Councillor Stephen Thompson. (Dumfries & Galloway Council); Councillor Altany Craik (Fife Council) and Councillor Alister Mackinnon (Highland Council).

Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest intimated prior to commencement of the meeting.

1 Minute

There was submitted the Minute of the meeting of the Executive Sub-committee held on 26 October 2018.

DECIDED: That the Minute be approved.

2 Revenue Budget Monitoring

There was submitted a joint revenue budget monitoring report by the Treasurer and the Director of Scotland Excel for the period 1 April to 12 October 2018.

The report intimated that gross expenditure was £4,000 under budget and income was currently £10,000 under recovered which resulted in a net overspend of £6,000.

DECIDED: That the report be noted.

3(a) Request for Associate Membership - East Kilbride and District Housing Association Limited

There was submitted a report by the Director of Scotland Excel advising that East Kilbride and District Housing Association had submitted an application to become an associate member of Scotland Excel.

DECIDED: That the application by East Kilbride and District Housing Association to become an associate member of Scotland Excel, at an annual membership fee of $\pounds790$, be approved subject to completion and signing of the agreement documentation.

3(b) Request for Associate Membership - Link Group Limited

There was submitted a report by the Director of Scotland Excel advising that Link Group Limited had submitted an application to become an associate member of Scotland Excel.

DECIDED: That the application by Link Group Limited to become an associate member of Scotland Excel, at an annual membership fee of £10,680, be approved subject to completion and signing of the agreement documentation.

4 Funding 2019/20 Update

There was submitted a report by the Director of Scotland Excel providing an update on the funding strategy for fiscal period 2019/20 set out in the Funding Model Review report approved at the meeting of the Joint Committee held on 29 June 2018.

The report provided an update on the progress made by Scotland Excel to maximise income through consultancy services; new build housing; learning and development through the Scotland Excel Academy; rebates; and associate member expansion. It was anticipated that consultancy services, learning & development and associate

member expansion would generate income in 2019/20 with the other two areas contributing in subsequent years. Having implemented the hybrid funding approach approved by the Joint Committee in June 2018, the report anticipated that a requisition increase of 2% would be required for 2019/20.

DECIDED:

(a) That the progress made since June 2018 be noted; and

(b) That the contents of the report be endorsed and that it be noted that an updated report would be submitted to the meeting of the Joint Committee to be held on 7 December 2018.

5 Risk Register Update

There was submitted a report by the Director of Scotland Excel providing an update on the risk register maintained to assess threats and risks that could impact on the delivery of Scotland Excel's organisational objectives and the actions identified to mitigate such risks.

It was proposed that in future the risks included in the register be ranked in order of degree of risk and that each risk indicate the level of movement between the previously reported risk ranking and the new risk ranking being reported. This was agreed.

DECIDED:

(a) That in future the risks included in the register be ranked in order of degree of risk (highest to lowest) and that each risk indicate the level of movement between the previously reported risk ranking and the new risk ranking being reported; and

(b) That the report otherwise be noted.

6 Employee Absence Management Report

There was submitted a report by the Director of Scotland Excel relative to employee absence statistics for Scotland Excel. The report advised of the absence levels for the period ending 31 October 2018, the previous six and 12 months and provided information relating to the absence statistics and reasons.

DECIDED: That the report be noted.

7 Meetings of Scotland Excel Executive Sub-committee in 2019

There was submitted a report by the Clerk relative to proposed dates and venues for meetings of the Executive Sub-committee in 2019.

DECIDED: That the dates and venues for meetings of the Executive Sub-committee in 2019 as detailed in the report, be approved.

8 Date of Next Meeting

DECIDED: That it be noted that the next meeting of the Executive Sub-committee would be held at 9.45am on 7 December November 2018 in Glasgow City Chambers, George Square, Glasgow.



Scotland Excel

To: Executive Sub Committee

On: 07 December 2018

Report

by Director Scotland Excel

Tender: Supply, Delivery and Installation of Hot Beverage Machinery and Supplies

Schedule: 16/18

Period: 14 January 2019 until 13 January 2022, with the option to extend for up to an additional 12 month period until 13 January 2023

1. Introduction and Background

This recommendation is for the award of a new framework for the Supply, Delivery and Installation of Hot Beverage Machinery and Supplies, which will operate from 14 January 2019 until 13 January 2022, with the option to extend for up to an additional 12 month period until 13 January 2023.

The requirement for this framework opportunity has been identified through consultation with commodity User Intelligence Groups (UIGs) from the Corporate portfolio. This presents an opportunity for Scotland Excel to provide a collaborative and focused approach to providing a framework for these products whilst alleviating the resource challenge associated with these types of procurement exercises for councils.

The framework was advertised at a value of £4 million over the four-year period.

This report summarises the outcome of the procurement process for this national framework arrangement.

2. Scope, Participation and Spend

As part of the strategy development, the UIG endorsed the inclusion of a single lot containing 4 sub lots as summarised in table 1.

The lot structure will provide a mechanism for councils to procure a range of hot beverage machinery as well as associated consumables. This includes, but is not limited to, Bean to Cup Coffee Machines, Filter Coffee Machines, Desktop Pod Coffee Machines, Traditional Barista Coffee Machines, Bulk Brew Equipment, Tea, Coffee and Hot Chocolate and associated products.

Table 1: Lotting Structure

| Sub Lot No. | Description | Estimated % Spend through sub lot |
|-------------|----------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| 1.1 | Machine Purchase and Lease | 25% |
| 1.2 | Machine Rental | 25% |
| 1.3 | Associated Consumables | 25% |
| 1.4 | Maintenance and Repair | 25% |

3. **Procurement Process**

A Prior Information Notice (PIN) was published on 26 June 2018 with 39 companies expressing an interest in the opportunity. As a result of these expressions of interest, 10 meetings were held with potential suppliers to discuss the scope of the framework.

As a matter of best practice and to ensure that the framework aligned with council requirements, consultation was conducted to understand their service requirements and current purchasing practices.

To ensure maximum competition, an open tender process was used, and this was advertised on the Official Journal of the European Union and the Public Contracts Scotland portal on 20 September 2018. The tender process was conducted using the Public Contracts Scotland Tender (PCS-T) system.

The procurement process followed a two-stage tendering procedure. Stage one, Qualification, was conducted using the European Single Procurement Document (ESPD). Within the ESPD, tenderers were required to answer a set of exclusionary questions along with providing details and/or acknowledgement of insurance, financial standing, quality management, health and safety, and environmental management policies and/or procedures.

At the second stage of the process, offers were evaluated against the following criteria and weightings for all lots:

Commercial 80% Technical 20%

Tenderers were required to indicate which sub lots they were bidding for, and the councils which they had an ability to service.

Tenderers were invited to bid on the following basis;

- In the Commercial Section, a national net delivered product price & national net installation price for each product listed for each lot as well as call-out rates for maintenance and repair within the schedule of offer;

In the Technical Section, scored method statements on fair work practices, customer service, ethically sourced products and sustainability. In addition to these method statements, a scored question was also asked in relation to the commitments bidders would make in respect of community benefits.

Table 2: Scoring Breakdown

| Question | | Maximum Score Available |
|----------------|---------------------|----------------------------|
| Commercial 80% | | |
| | Community Benefits | 3 |
| | Fair Work Practices | 3 |
| Technical 20% | Customer Services | 6 |
| | Ethically Sourced | 2 |
| | Products | |
| | Sustainability | 6 |

4. Report on Offers Received

The tender document was accessed by 42 organisations, with 20 of these submitting an offer.

A summary of all offers received from tenderers, and their SME status is outlined in Appendix 1.

Following a full evaluation of compliant offers, scoring was completed in accordance with the published tender evaluation methodology, and an overall lot commercial score was calculated for each tenderer. The overall lot commercial score was calculated by totaling each sub lot score and dividing this combined score by the number of sub lots for which the tenderer offered.

Appendix 2 confirms the overall scoring achieved by each tenderer which forms the basis of the recommendations contained in this report.

5. Recommendations

Based on the evaluation undertaken in line with the criteria and weightings set out above, it is recommended that a multiple supplier framework agreement is awarded to the 18 tenderers outlined in Appendix 2.

Of the 18 recommended suppliers;

- 4 are classified as a medium sized business;
- 7 are classified as a small business, and;
- 4 are classified as a micro business.

Of the 18 recommended suppliers, 15 are based in Scotland, supporting the Scottish economy.

These suppliers provide the range of products and services required by local authorities, as well as representing best value and meeting all technical specifications.

6. Benefits

Savings

The projected average saving across all councils is forecasted at 6.3%, which equates to an estimated saving of approximately £60,000 per annum, based on current spend forecasts. This projection was calculated by benchmarking the lowest offer received against the second lowest offer received.

Savings that can be achieved will depend on a local authority's purchasing patterns.

Price Stability

Suppliers have accepted as part of the terms & conditions of the framework that they will hold prices firm for the first 12 months of the contract.

After the initial 12 month period, suppliers may submit a request for a price variance on an annual basis. Suppliers may submit a price decrease at any time throughout the duration of the framework.

Sustainable Procurement Benefits

Community Benefits

Tenderers were asked to detail community benefit initiatives that they would commit to deliver throughout the duration of the framework. All 18 recommended suppliers have confirmed their commitment to Scotland Excel's community benefits approach for this framework.

Examples of benefits which may be offered as part of this framework included; fundraising event for external charities/initiatives, work placements to school students, employability workshops or events in a school, college or group, sponsorship of a sports team or community event and recruit a person and/or modern apprentice.

Scotland Excel will support delivery of these commitments during the lifetime of the framework through the contract and supplier management programme. These benefits will also be reported through six monthly contract management returns.

Fair Work Practices

Tenderers were also asked to confirm their approach to fair work practices and the Living Wage, details of which can be found in Appendix 3. All recommended suppliers for this framework, with the exception of one, pay all staff the Living Wage or above or have made a commitment to do so within two years.

Sustainability

Tenderers were asked to detail their approach to sustainability, and were asked how their organisations reduced waste, considered the environmental impact of transportation, and demonstrated that their products came from sustainable, reliable, and approved sources.

Offers included a range of recycling initiatives including the use of recyclable compostable drinking cups as well as reusable drinking cups to reduce plastic consumption.

Suppliers also advised that they utilised route planning technologies to reduce mileage, as well as the increased adoption of Euro 6 standard vehicles within their fleets for the delivery of products.

In addition to this, suppliers provided details on how they monitor stock holding. Suppliers advised they regularly conduct supplier assessments to ensure fair working practices and ensure their suppliers are conforming to ISO 14001 regulations.

An important element of this tender exercise was identifying ethically sourced products. Suppliers were asked to detail any product accreditation or certification they had, for example triple certification, when a supplier is certified by Fairtrade, Rainforest Alliance and the Soil Association. Of the 18 recommended supplies, 11 have stipulated that they are certified with at least one of the above, and 3 have stipulated that they are triple certified.

Suppliers were also asked to offer either budget, mid or premium coffee or hot chocolate and it was stipulated that all premium products offered had to be ethically sourced and organic.

All suppliers recommended for award onto the framework responded that they are committed to providing a sustainable service.

7. Contract Mobilisation and Management

Suppliers and participating members will be issued with a mobilisation pack containing information relating to the operation of the framework, roles and responsibilities, management information requirements and community benefits commitments.

In accordance with Scotland Excel's established contract and supplier management programme, this framework has been classified as a level 3 arrangement in terms of both risk and spend. As such, Scotland Excel will review the framework with suppliers as appropriate, whilst monitoring management information and community benefits associated with this framework.

8. Summary

This framework for the Supply, Delivery & Installation of Hot Beverage Machinery and Supplies aims to maximise collaboration, consolidate demand and deliver best value. A range of benefits can be reported in relation to savings, price stability, community benefits and sustainably sourced products.

The Executive Sub Committee is requested to approve the recommendation to award placings on this framework to the suppliers as detailed in Appendix 2.

| Tenderer | SME Status | Location | Sub Lots Tendered |
|--|---------------|----------------------------------|--------------------|
| Bewley's Tea and Coffee UK Limited | Large | High Wycombe, England | 1.1, 1.2, 1.3, 1.4 |
| Brodie Melrose Drysdale & Co. Limited | Small | Musselburgh, East Lothian | 1.1, 1.2, 1.3, 1.4 |
| Caber Coffee Limited | Small | Aberdeen, Aberdeen City | 1.1, 1.2, 1.3, 1.4 |
| CG Coffee Limited | Micro | Glasgow, Glasgow City | 1.1, 1.2, 1.3, 1.4 |
| Coffee Conscience Ltd | Micro | Langbank, Renfrewshire | 1.1, 1.2, 1.3, 1.4 |
| Early Bird Catering Limited | Micro | Aberdeen, Aberdeen City | 1.1, 1.2, 1.3, 1.4 |
| Eden Springs UK Limited | Large | Blantyre, South Lanarkshire | 1.1, 1.2, 1.3, 1.4 |
| Excel Vending Limited | Small | East Kilbride, South Lanarkshire | 1.1, 1.3, 1.4 |
| Ipex Investments Limited t/a Capital Vending | Small | Livingston, West Lothian | 1.1, 1.2, 1.3, 1.4 |
| Karing International Ltd | Small | Barrhead, East Renfrewshire | 1.1, 1.3, 1.4 |
| Lyreco UK Limited | Large | Telford, England | 1.1, 1.2, 1.3, 1.4 |
| Matthew Algie & Company Limited | Medium | Glasgow, Glasgow City | 1.1, 1.2, 1.3, 1.4 |
| Miko Coffee (Scotland) Limited | Medium | East Kilbride, South Lanarkshire | 1.1, 1.2, 1.3, 1.4 |
| Myrtle Coffee Services Limited | Small | Kirkcaldy, Fife | 1.1, 1.2, 1.3, 1.4 |
| Scotbev Supplies Limited | Small | Bo' Ness, West Lothian | 1.3 |
| Selecta UK Limited | Large | London, England | 1.1, 1.2, 1.3, 1.4 |
| Tchibo Coffee International Limited | Medium | Epsom, England | 1.1, 1.2, 1.3 |
| Templeman Retailing and Vending Limited | Medium | Belshill, North Lanarkshire | 1.1, 1.2, 1.3, 1.4 |
| The Loch Ness Coffee Company Limited | Medium | Drumnadrochit, Inverness | 1.1, 1.2, 1.3, 1.4 |
| We Love Coffee Limited | Micro | East Kilbride, South Lanarkshire | 1.1, 1.3, 1.4 |

Appendix 1 – List of Tenderers with SME status

Appendix 2 - Scoring and Recommendations

| Supply, Delivery and Installation of Hot Beverage Machinery and Supplies | | | |
|--|-------|---------|--|
| Tenderer | Score | Awarded | |
| Myrtle Coffee Services Limited | 88.44 | Yes | |
| Excel Vending Limited | 86.71 | Yes | |
| Lyreco UK Limited | 77.02 | Yes | |
| Eden Springs UK Limited | 75.84 | Yes | |
| Coffee Conscience Ltd | 75.65 | Yes | |
| We Love Coffee Limited | 73.39 | Yes | |
| Bewley's Tea and Coffee UK Limited | 72.01 | Yes | |
| Caber Coffee Limited | 64.15 | Yes | |
| Brodie Melrose Drysdale & Co. Limited | 64.11 | Yes | |
| Matthew Algie & Company Limited | 62.19 | Yes | |
| Early Bird Catering Limited | 60.66 | Yes | |
| The Loch Ness Coffee Company Limited | 59.97 | Yes | |
| CG Coffee Limited | 59.89 | Yes | |
| Karing International Ltd | 58.39 | Yes | |
| Templeman Retailing and Vending Limited | 57.39 | Yes | |
| Tchibo Coffee International Limited | 57.06 | Yes | |
| Scotbev Supplies Limited | 56.59 | Yes | |
| Ipex Investments Limited t/a Capital Vending | 55.47 | Yes | |
| Selecta UK Limited | 49.87 | No | |
| Miko Coffee (Scotland) Limited | 48.61 | No | |

| Appendix 3 – List of Recommended | Suppliers with Living Wage Status |
|----------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| | |

| Supplier | Accredited | Progress towards accrediation | Committed to gaining accreditation over the first 2 years of framework | Not paying Living Wage but committed to doing so within 2 years | Neither accredited nor paying Living Wage |
|--|------------|-------------------------------|--|--|--|
| Bewley's Tea and Coffee UK Limited | | | Yes | | |
| Brodie Melrose Drysdale & Co. Limited | Yes | | | | |
| Caber Coffee Limited | | | Yes | | |
| CG Coffee Limited | | | Yes | | |
| Coffee Conscience Ltd | | | Yes | | |
| Early Bird Catering Limited | | | Yes | | |
| Eden Springs UK Limited | | | Yes | | |
| Excel Vending Limited | | Yes | | | |
| Ipex Investments Limited t/a Capital Vending | Yes | | | | |
| Karing International Ltd | | | Yes | | |
| Lyreco UK Limited | | Yes | | | |
| Matthew Algie & Company Limited | | | | | Yes |
| Miko Coffee (Scotland) Limited | | | Yes | | |
| Myrtle Coffee Services Limited | | | | Yes | |
| Scotbev Supplies Limited | | | Yes | | |
| Selecta UK Limited | Yes | | | | |
| Tchibo Coffee International Limited | | | Yes | | |
| Templeman Retailing and Vending Limited | Yes | | | | |
| The Loch Ness Coffee Company Limited | | | Yes | | |
| We Love Coffee Limited | | | Yes | | |



Scotland Excel

To: Executive Sub Committee

On: 07 December 2018

Report by Director Scotland Excel

- Tender: Provision of Energy Advice
- Schedule: 17-18

Period: 14 January 2019 until 13 January 2022, with the option to extend for up to an additional 12 month period until 13 January 2023

1. Introduction and Background

This recommendation is for the award of a new framework for Energy Advice, which will operate from 14 January 2019 until 13 January 2022, with the option to extend for up to an additional one-year period until 13 January 2023.

The requirement for this procurement has been identified through consultation with commodity User Intelligence Groups (UIGs) within the Construction portfolio. This presents an opportunity for Scotland Excel to provide a collaborative and focused approach to providing a framework for this service whilst alleviating the resource challenge associated with procurement exercises for councils.

The framework was advertised at a value of £4 million over the four-year period.

This report summarises the outcome of the procurement process for this national framework arrangement.

2. Scope, Participation and Spend

As part of the strategy development for this framework the UIG endorsed the inclusion of 32 geographical lots representing each local authority area.

It is envisaged that the framework will be utilised by local authorities and associate members in order to help improve fuel poverty for tenants and residents.

3. Procurement Process

A Prior Information Notice (PIN) was published on 23 July 2018 with 29 companies expressing an interest in the opportunity. As a result of these expressions of interest, 11 meetings were held with potential suppliers to discuss the scope of the framework.

As a matter of best practice and to ensure that the framework aligned with local authority requirements, consultation was conducted to understand their service requirements.

To ensure maximum competition an open tender process was used, and this was advertised on the Official Journal of the European Union and the Public Contracts Scotland portal on 28 September 2018. The tender process was conducted using the Public Contracts Scotland Tender (PCS-T) system.

The procurement process followed a two-stage tendering procedure. Stage one, Qualification, was conducted using the European Single Procurement Document (ESPD). Within the ESPD, tenderers were required to answer a set of exclusionary questions along with providing details and/or acknowledgement of insurance, financial standing, quality management, health and safety, and environmental management policies and/or procedures.

At the second stage of the process, offers were evaluated against the following criteria and weightings for all lots:

| Commercial | 70% |
|------------|-----|
| Technical | 30% |

Tenderers were required to indicate which lots that they were bidding for. As the tender was lotted geographically, this also indicated an ability to service.

Tenderers were invited to bid on the following basis;

- In the Commercial Section, a price was requested for an initial home visit lasting up to 2 hours with examples of the type of areas expected to be covered within the visit detailed in the specification;

- In the Technical Section, as outlined in Figure 1, scored method statements on contract management & customer service, fair work practices and community benefits.

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Figure 1: Scoring Breakdown

| Section | Question | Maximum Score Available |
|----------------|---|----------------------------|
| Commercial 70% | | |
| | contract management & customer service | 20 |
| Technical 30% | fair work practices | 5 |
| | community benefits | 5 |

4. Report on Offers Received

The tender document was accessed by 24 organisations with 9 of these submitting an offer.

Despite significant engagement with the marketplace, unfortunately, 2 lots failed to attract any bids. Those lots were:

Lot 22 - Orkney Islands Council Area Lot 26 - Shetland Islands Council Area.

Scotland Excel will continue to liaise with these councils following award of this framework, including offering assistance with any future local procurement processes.

A summary of all offers received from tenderers, and their SME status is outlined in Appendix 1.

5. Recommendations

Based on the evaluation undertaken in line with the criteria and weightings set out above, it is recommended that a multiple supplier framework agreement is awarded to the 9 tenderers outlined in Appendix 2.

All recommended suppliers are SMEs, with 1 of these being classified as a micro business. Appendix 1 outlines the location of tenderers who submitted an offer, with all of them being based in Scotland.

These suppliers provide the range of services required by local authorities, as well as representing best value and meeting all technical specifications.

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6. Benefits

Savings

Recently the Scottish Government have changed the way in which grants relating to energy efficiency is to be used. Previously it was all geared towards improvement works but now up to 15% of this funding is to be used to provide practical energy advice and advocacy. As a result, this tender is a new procurement opportunity for these services within local authorities and this is also the first time that energy advice has been procured in this way. Therefore, no benchmarking can be conducted at this time. However, due to the nature of the advice being provided, monetary savings will be achieved by tenants within local authorities by tackling their fuel poverty and energy efficiency.

Price Stability

Tenderers have accepted as part of the terms & conditions of the framework that they will hold prices firm for the first 24 months of the framework.

After the initial 24 months fixed pricing periods offered, suppliers may submit a request for a price variance on an annual basis. Suppliers may submit a price decrease at any time throughout the duration of the framework.

Sustainable Procurement Benefits

Community Benefits

Tenderers were asked to detail community benefit initiatives that they would commit to deliver throughout the duration of the framework depending on spend levels.

Community benefits received as part of the tender submissions included; sponsorship, work experience placements, employability workshops, training sessions and the recruitment of modern apprentices and/or staff members.

Fair Work Practices

Tenderers were also asked to confirm their approach to fair work practices and the Living Wage, details of which can be found in Appendix 3. All recommended suppliers for this framework pay the Living Wage or above.

Sustainability

This service will assist in removing vulnerable householders from fuel poverty by providing advocacy advice with utility providers, ensuring metering issues are dealt with, educating householders on optimum heating regimes and making sure householders are on the best tariff with utility providers.

Other Benefits

Successful offers have also been received from 4 Scottish social enterprises and also 4 companies with charitable status.

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In one of the social enterprises 15% staff have a declared disability and 35% staff live within the 20% most deprived areas as defined by the Scottish Index of Multiple Deprivation.

7. Contract Mobilisation and Management

Both suppliers and participating members will be issued with a mobilisation pack containing information relating to the operation of the framework, roles and responsibilities, management information requirements and community benefits commitments.

In accordance with Scotland Excel's established contract and supplier management programme, this framework has been classified as a level 3 arrangement in terms of both risk and spend. As such, Scotland Excel will review the framework with suppliers as appropriate, whilst monitoring management information and community benefits associated with this framework.

8. Summary

This framework for the Provision of Energy Advice aims to maximise collaboration, consolidate demand and deliver best value. Benefits can be reported in relation to price stability, sustainability and community benefits.

The Executive Sub Committee is requested to approve the recommendation to award placings on this framework to the suppliers as detailed in Appendix 2.

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Appendix 1 – Offers Received & SME Status

| TENDERER | SME STATUS | LOCATION | LOTS TENDERED |
|--|---------------|-----------|--|
| Argyll, Lomond and the Islands Energy Agency (ALIenergy) (Company Registration Number SC211429) | Small | Oban | 4 |
| Changeworks Resources for Life (Company Registration Number SC103904) | Medium | Edinburgh | 4, 10, 12, 14, 16, 18, 25, 32 |
| Energy Agency (Company Registration Number SC191428) | Medium | Ayr | 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 23, 24, 25, 27, 28, 29, 31 & 32 |
| Greener Kirkcaldy Ltd (Company Registration Number SC371318) | Small | Kirkcaldy | 14 |
| MPC Energy Ltd (Company Registration Number SC533343) | Micro | Clydebank | 4, 9 & 31 |
| Scarf (Company Registration Number SC094819) | Medium | Aberdeen | 1, 2, 3, 7, 19 & 23 |
| Social Enterprise Direct (Company Registration Number SC415583) | Small | Glasgow | 5, 8, 9, 11, 13, 15, 17, 20, 21, 24, 27, 29, 30 & 31 |
| The Wise Group (Company Registration Number SC091095) | Medium | Glasgow | 5, 9, 11, 13, 15, 17, 21, 24, 28, 29 & 31 |
| Tighean Innse Gall Limited (Company Registration Number SP2410RS) | Small | Stornoway | 30 |

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Appendix 2 - Scoring and Recommendations

| Lot 1 - Aberdeen City Council Area | | | | |
|------------------------------------|-------|----------------|--|--|
| Tenderer | Score | Awarded to Lot | | |
| Scarf | 92.50 | Yes | | |
| Energy Agency | 48.37 | Yes | | |

| Lot 2 - Aberdeenshire Council Area | | |
|------------------------------------|-------|----------------|
| Tenderer | Score | Awarded to Lot |
| Scarf | 92.50 | Yes |
| Energy Agency | 50.93 | Yes |

| Lot 3 - Angus Council Area | | |
|----------------------------|-------|----------------|
| Tenderer | Score | Awarded to Lot |
| Scarf | 92.50 | Yes |
| Energy Agency | 50.93 | Yes |

| Lot 4 - Argyll & Bute Council Area | | |
|--|-------|----------------|
| Tenderer | Score | Awarded to Lot |
| MPC Energy Ltd | 72.50 | Yes |
| Argyll, Lomond and the Islands Energy Agency (ALIenergy) | 56.50 | Yes |
| Changeworks Resources for Life | 43.84 | No |
| Energy Agency | 38.33 | No |

| Lot 5 - Clackmannanshire Council Area | | |
|---------------------------------------|-------|----------------|
| Tenderer | Score | Awarded to Lot |
| Social Enterprise Direct | 96.25 | Yes |
| The Wise Group | 51.47 | Yes |
| Energy Agency | 26.35 | No |

| Lot 6 - Dumfries & Galloway Council Area | | |
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| Tenderer | Score | Awarded to Lot |
| Energy Agency | 85.00 | Yes |

| Lot 7 - Dundee City Council Area | | |
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| Tenderer | Score | Awarded to Lot |
| Scarf | 92.50 | Yes |
| Energy Agency | 48.37 | No |

| Lot 8 - East Ayrshire Council Area | | |
|------------------------------------|-------|----------------|
| Tenderer | Score | Awarded to Lot |
| Social Enterprise Direct | 96.25 | Yes |
| Energy Agency | 32.02 | No |

| Lot 9 - East Dunbartonshire Council Area | | |
|--|-------|----------------|
| Tenderer | Score | Awarded to Lot |
| Social Enterprise Direct | 96.25 | Yes |
| The Wise Group | 51.47 | Yes |
| MPC Energy Ltd | 36.55 | No |
| Energy Agency | 26.35 | No |

| Lot 10 - East Lothian Council Area | | |
|------------------------------------|-------|----------------|
| Tenderer | Score | Awarded to Lot |
| Changeworks Resources for Life | 88.75 | Yes |
| Energy Agency | 63.30 | Yes |

| Lot 11 - East Renfrewshire Council Area | | |
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| Tenderer | Score | Awarded to Lot |
| Social Enterprise Direct | 96.25 | Yes |
| The Wise Group | 51.47 | Yes |
| Energy Agency | 32.02 | No |

| Lot 12 - City of Edinburgh Council Area | | |
|---|-------|----------------|
| Tenderer | Score | Awarded to Lot |
| Changeworks Resources for Life | 88.75 | Yes |
| Energy Agency | 57.23 | Yes |

| Lot 13 - Falkirk Council Area | | |
|-------------------------------|-------|----------------|
| Tenderer | Score | Awarded to Lot |
| Social Enterprise Direct | 96.25 | Yes |
| The Wise Group | 51.47 | Yes |
| Energy Agency | 26.35 | No |

| Lot 14 - Fife Council Area | | |
|--------------------------------|-------|----------------|
| Tenderer | Score | Awarded to Lot |
| Greener Kirkcaldy Ltd | 93.75 | Yes |
| Changeworks Resources for Life | 44.29 | No |
| Energy Agency | 33.90 | No |

| Lot 15 - Glasgow City Council Area | | |
|------------------------------------|-------|----------------|
| Tenderer | Score | Awarded to Lot |
| Social Enterprise Direct | 96.25 | Yes |
| The Wise Group | 57.37 | Yes |
| Energy Agency | 26.35 | No |

| Lot 16 - Highland Council Area | | |
|--------------------------------|-------|----------------|
| Tenderer | Score | Awarded to Lot |
| Changeworks Resources for Life | 88.75 | Yes |
| Energy Agency | 83.83 | Yes |

| Lot 17 - Inverclyde Council Area | | |
|----------------------------------|-------|----------------|
| Tenderer | Score | Awarded to Lot |
| Social Enterprise Direct | 96.25 | Yes |
| The Wise Group | 57.37 | Yes |
| Energy Agency | 26.35 | No |

| Lot 18 - Midlothian Council Area | | |
|----------------------------------|-------|----------------|
| Tenderer | Score | Awarded to Lot |
| Changeworks Resources for Life | 88.75 | Yes |
| Energy Agency | 58.63 | Yes |

| Lot 19 - Moray Council Area | | |
|-----------------------------|-------|----------------|
| Tenderer | Score | Awarded to Lot |
| Scarf | 92.50 | Yes |
| Energy Agency | 50.93 | Yes |

| Lot 20 - North Ayrshire Council Area | | |
|--------------------------------------|-------|----------------|
| Tenderer | Score | Awarded to Lot |
| Social Enterprise Direct | 96.25 | Yes |
| Energy Agency | 32.02 | No |

| Lot 21 - North Lanarkshire Council Area | | |
|---|-------|----------------|
| Tenderer | Score | Awarded to Lot |
| Social Enterprise Direct | 96.25 | Yes |
| The Wise Group | 51.47 | Yes |
| Energy Agency | 26.35 | No |

| Lot 22 - Orkney Islands Council Area | | |
|--------------------------------------|-------|----------------|
| Tenderer | Score | Awarded to Lot |
| No Bids | | |

| Lot 23 - Perth & Kinross Council Area | | |
|---------------------------------------|-------|----------------|
| Tenderer | Score | Awarded to Lot |
| Scarf | 92.50 | Yes |
| Energy Agency | 50.93 | Yes |

| Lot 24 - Renfrewshire Council Area | | |
|------------------------------------|-------|----------------|
| Tenderer | Score | Awarded to Lot |
| Social Enterprise Direct | 96.25 | Yes |
| The Wise Group | 57.37 | Yes |
| Energy Agency | 32.02 | No |

| Lot 25 - Scottish Borders Council Area | | |
|--|-------|----------------|
| Tenderer | Score | Awarded to Lot |
| Energy Agency | 85.00 | Yes |
| Changeworks Resources for Life | 80.42 | Yes |

| Lot 26 - Shetland Islands Council Area | | | | |
|--|-------|----------------|--|--|
| Tenderer | Score | Awarded to Lot | | |
| No Bids | | | | |

| Lot 27 - South Ayrshire Council Area | | |
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| Tenderer | Score | Awarded to Lot |
| Social Enterprise Direct | 96.25 | Yes |
| Energy Agency | 32.02 | No |

| Lot 28 - South Lanarkshire Council Area | | | | |
|---|-------|----------------|--|--|
| Tenderer | Score | Awarded to Lot | | |
| The Wise Group | 90.00 | Yes | | |
| Energy Agency | 52.87 | Yes | | |

| Lot 29 - Stirling Council Area | | | | |
|--------------------------------|-------|----------------|--|--|
| Tenderer | Score | Awarded to Lot | | |
| Social Enterprise Direct | 96.25 | Yes | | |
| The Wise Group | 51.47 | Yes | | |
| Energy Agency | 26.35 | No | | |

| Lot 30 - Western Isles Council Area | | | | |
|-------------------------------------|-------|----------------|--|--|
| Tenderer | Score | Awarded to Lot | | |
| Social Enterprise Direct | 96.25 | Yes | | |
| Tighean Innse Gall Limited | 74.54 | Yes | | |

| Lot 31 - West Dunbartonshire Council Area | | | | |
|---|-------|----------------|--|--|
| Tenderer | Score | Awarded to Lot | | |
| Social Enterprise Direct | 96.25 | Yes | | |
| The Wise Group | 57.37 | Yes | | |
| MPC Energy Ltd | 36.55 | No | | |
| Energy Agency | 26.35 | No | | |

| Lot 32 - West Lothian Council Area | | | |
|------------------------------------|-------|----------------|--|
| Tenderer | Score | Awarded to Lot | |
| Changeworks Resources for Life | 88.75 | Yes | |
| Energy Agency | 63.07 | Yes | |

Appendix 3 – Living Wage

| TENDERER | Accredited | Currently progressing through Living Wage acrreditation process | Committed to gaining accreditation over the first 2 years of the framework | Pay Living Wage to all employees (except volunteers, apprectices and interns) but not accredited | Neither accredited nor pay Living Wage |
|---|------------|---|--|---|---|
| Argyll, Lomond and the Islands Energy Agency (ALlenergy) | | | | Yes | |
| Changeworks Resources for Life | Yes | | | | |
| Energy Agency | Yes | | | | |
| Greener Kirkcaldy Ltd | Yes | | | | |
| MPC Energy Ltd | | | | Yes | |
| Scarf | Yes | | | | |
| Social Enterprise Direct | Yes | | | | |
| The Wise Group | Yes | | | | |
| Tighean Innse Gall Limited | | | | Yes | |