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Tendering of Closed Circuit Television (CCTV) Monitoring Contract (Feb 10/24)

1. Summary and Reasons for Recommendation

- 1.1 The current CCTV Monitoring Contract expires on 30 September 2010 and as the contract value is above the European Union (EU) threshold for services it is required that the intention to contract must be advertised in the Official Journal of the European Union (OJEU) and that it be tendered in accordance with the EU Procurement Regulations.
- 1.2 Options exist for the contract to be identified as either an unreserved open contract, which is the standard approach, or as a reserved contract for supported factories and businesses.

2. Recommendation

- 2.1 It is recommended that the CCTV Monitoring Contract be identified as a reserved contract for supported factories and businesses in accordance with EU Procurement Regulations.

3. Corporate Objectives

- 3.1 The recommendation meets the following as contained within the Corporate Plan:-
- (a) Corporate Priority: *'To raise corporate standards and efficiency'*; and
- (b) Vision 2025: *St Edmundsbury will be a place which will offer an excellent range of opportunities and access for people with disabilities*

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<p>4. Key Issues</p> <p>4.1 The current CCTV Monitoring Contract expires on the 30 September 2010.</p> <p>4.2 The current contractor providing the CCTV monitoring service is a “Supported Business” and a leading provider of employment services and employment to people experiencing complex barriers to work.</p> <p>4.3 Under the 2006 Public Contracts Regulations (Regulation 7) Article 19 as a public body it is possible to restrict the tendering process for goods and services namely reserved contracts. Reserving a contract means that only supported factories and businesses or economic operators operating supported employment programmes can bid for that particular contract. A supported businesses is one in which employment opportunities are provided to people with disabilities through Government funding and a minimum of 50% of staff employed are registered disabled. This approach supports Government policy to provide people with disabilities the opportunity to enter the labour market and meets their recommendation that contracting authorities should aim to have at least one or more contracts with a supported factory or business. There is no restriction on the size and type of contracts that can be reserved.</p> <p>4.4 Where a contract has been reserved under this provision, the process must allow for fair and open competition amongst the suppliers throughout the EU that bid for such contracts. Contracts cannot, therefore, be reserved for a specific organisation and all bids from supported factories and businesses submitted under the reserved contracts arrangements are still assessed on a value for money basis, with award to the tenderer offering best value. In many instances by adopting this approach it is possible to draw on a wider pool of talent and skills available.</p> <p>4.5 For this tendering approach to be adopted Council approval is necessary to amend the Council's Contract Procedure Rules to identify the CCTV Monitoring Contract as a reserved contract for supported factories and businesses.</p>
<p>5. Other Options considered</p> <p>5.1 The tendering of this contract could continue as an unreserved open contract. Supported factories or business may still bid for the contract. There are no reserved contracts currently let by the Council and, therefore, by making such an amendment, the Council would be supporting Government policy to widen access to employment (see Section 6.2 below).</p>

<p>6. Community impact <i>(including Section 17 of the Crime and Disorder Act 1998 and diversity issues)</i></p> <p>6.1 <u>General</u></p> <p>6.1.1 The contract will be tendered and will continue to offer best value for money. The CCTV scheme is designed to improve community safety for local people and residents.</p> <p>6.2 <u>Diversity and Equality Impact</u> <i>(including the findings of the Equality Impact Assessment)</i> By adopting this approach the council will:-</p> <p>6.2.1 be actively supporting the policy of assisting people with disabilities back into the workplace and thus contributing towards its corporate objectives and making a positive difference to the lives of individuals and communities; and</p> <p>6.2.2 be contributing to the wider Government commitment to enable greater access to employment opportunities for disabled people to help achieve equality for disabled people by 2025.</p>

7. Sustainability Impact <i>(including environmental or social impact on the local area or beyond the Borough)</i>																
7.1. This approach increases the diversity of the public sector supplier base to help deliver better public services.																
8. Consultation																
8.1 The Portfolio Holder responsible for Community Safety has been consulted																
9. Resource implications <i>(including asset management implications)</i>																
9.1 The renewal of this contract is within existing budgets and the process is designed to secure best value for local taxpayers. Supported factories and businesses already provide a wide range of goods and services across both the public and private sectors, and being non profit making organisations are competitive and are able to offer value for money within the market sector in which they operate.																
10. Risk Assessment <i>(potential hazards or opportunities affecting corporate, service or project objectives)</i>																
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11. Legal or policy implications
11.1 To ensure that EU Procurement Regulations, including the Public Contracts Regulations 2006 are complied with.
11.2 Following the tender process and the award of the contract the Transfer of Undertakings (Protection of Employment) Regulations 2006 (TUPE) may apply.

Wards affected	All	Portfolio Holder	Community Safety
Background Papers		Subject Area	Crime Reduction and Community Safety

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