



Agenda item:

[No.]

Procurement Committee

On 28th July 2009

Report Title: Rhodes Avenue Primary School Expansion – Procurement of Design Consultancy

Report of **Director of The Children and Young People's Service**

Signed :

Contact Officer : David Moore, Construction Lead, The Children and Young People's Service

Wards(s) affected: **Alexandra**

Report for: **Key Decision**

1. Purpose of the report

- 1.1. This report requests approval to award NPS London Ltd the contract for design and technical services for the Rhodes Avenue Expansion project for the duration of the project.
- 1.2. This report is seeking Cabinet Procurement Committee approval to award the contract to NPS London Ltd in accordance with CSO 11.03. This Order states that all contracts valued at over £250,000 may only be awarded by the Cabinet Procurement Committee.

2. Introduction by Cabinet Member

- 2.1. We need to expand Rhodes Avenue School in order to meet increased demand for primary school places in the local area. The expansion provides a great opportunity to improve aspects of the existing school and in particular to enhance its environmental sustainability. In the report you will see that the project will go substantially beyond the current requirement of 10% CO2 reduction.
- 2.2. I am satisfied that the appropriate procedures have been followed and am happy to support the recommendations.

3. State link(s) with Council Plan Priorities and actions and /or other Strategies:

3.1. Council Priorities

3.1.1 Making Haringey one of London's Greenest Boroughs

3.1.1.1 The design and construction will support each of the seven Haringey Greenest Borough Strategy Priorities in the following ways:

- Priority One - Improving the Urban Environment:
 - The school project will go beyond the current Haringey Council requirement of 10% CO2 reduction for new build over 1,000 sq metres.
 - If the school project is greater than 1,000 sq metres new build, 20% CO2 reduction from onsite renewable energy sources will be achieved (in line with the GLA requirement).
 - In the new build, we will seek 60% carbon reduction, using DCSF carbon calculation.
- Priority Two - Protecting the Natural Environment:
 - In the landscaping design and works, bio-diversity to be actively managed to promote the development of the local flora, fauna and wildlife.
 - Extended community use of the school, exploiting the significantly improved facilities.
- Priority Three - Managing Environmental Resources efficiently:
 - Within the school design, measures to be incorporated to minimise the utilities used on a daily basis.
 - This will include minimising the use of water and energy through the installation of energy efficient fixtures and fittings and consideration of voltage optimisation wherever possible.
 - Where appropriate, utilise renewable energy sources of ground source heating, biomass boilers, solar photo voltaic, solar collectables and wind turbines to achieve CO2 reduction targets and reduce ongoing energy costs.
 - Utilise rain water harvesting to reduce mains water consumption.

• Priority Four - Leading by example, managing the public sector sustainably:

- ICT design within the expansion will ensure energy use is minimised by incorporating automatic switch off of all devices within the software used.
- In addition the size of each device installed will be appropriate to the required tasks and the numbers of servers used will be minimised by centralising data centres creating further energy savings.
- Where possible legacy equipment to be reused or recycled. All new “white good” appliances to be AAA energy rated.
- Through a combination of good design and school best practice achieve a 10% reduction in energy used at the school, measured per pupil per sq metre, by 2010.

• Priority Five - Sustainable design and construction:

- The energy efficiency of the school is to be improved, supporting the creation of lower carbon council properties, by achieving a BREEAM rating of Very Good.
- Only certified (COC) timber will be used in construction and there will be reduced use of VOC materials.
- Provide a Site Waste Management Plan to national WRAP standards ensuring best practice in site construction management is followed, including maximising the recycling of site construction waste within the new construction.

• Priority Six - Promoting sustainable travel:

- The school design will be integrated with the school’s travel plan promoting the use of sustainable travel to school, such as cycling.

• Priority Seven - Raising awareness and involvement:

- The school design should incorporate visual displays to highlight to pupils the energy being used to run their school and the benefits of any renewable energy schemes in place at their school.
- The new building constructed to have dedicated energy metres, improving the visibility and control of energy used.

3.1.2 Creating a Better Haringey: Cleaner, Greener and Safer

3.1.2.1 The Rhodes Expansion project will improve the school, significantly enhancing the learning environment of the students. This will improve their safety both on site and moving to, from and within the site. The buildings will provide for improved and secure access into the school as well as free and convenient access for wheelchair or pushchairs throughout.

3.1.2.2 The project is intended to achieve BREEAM rating of very good. To achieve this a variety of sustainable measures will be incorporated in the design, reducing the use of energy and CO2 emissions.

3.1.3 Encouraging Lifetime Well Being, at Home, Work Play and Learning

- 3.1.3.1 The Primary Capital Programme will contribute to the transformation in outcomes for young people in Haringey by improving the learning environment, providing anywhere/anytime access to ICT and providing a wider range of pathways of study.
- 3.1.3.2 The project will promote learning through access to greater opportunities for all within the community. The expansion will meet local need for extended, youth and community services and the vision is to provide an extended service, including childcare, to the children and their families as well as services for the wider community contribute to improving community cohesion.

3.1.4 Promoting independent living while supporting adults and children when needed

- 3.1.4.1 The process to procure a contractor will look to implement, wherever possible, the council's policies in respect of employing local labour, and creating apprenticeships for local people.

3.1.5 Delivering Excellent, Customer Focussed, Cost Effective Services

- 3.1.5.1 Key to the success of this project and the Primary Capital programme is the improvement of standards in schools.
- 3.1.5.2 The Rhodes Avenue Expansion design will offer flexibility to meet future changes in children's and the wider community's needs to ensure delivery of an enriched curriculum.

3.2 Council Strategy

The expansion of Rhodes Avenue is being carried out to meet the projected demand for additional reception places required from September 2011.

3.2.1 The Children & Young People's Plan

3.2.1.1 The successful completion of this project will be instrumental in Haringey achieving the aims and objectives of the Children and Young People's Plan 2006 – 2009 which are aligned with those in the national Children's Plan 2008 – 2020.

3.2.1.2 The project will help deliver the Every Child Matters agenda and provide an opportunity to transform education in Haringey by delivering a school that our young people, our teachers and our local communities deserve.

3.2.1.3 The expansion will meet local need for extended, youth and community services by providing an extended service, including childcare, to the children and their families as well as services for the wider community

3.2.2 The Primary Strategy for Change

3.2.1 The planned design and construction programme for the school expansion will support and contribute towards the following five principles of Haringey's Primary Strategy for Change:

- **Principle 1:** We want all children to be able to enjoy their learning and to make good progress;
- **Principle 2:** We want to promote learning through access to greater opportunities for all within the community;
- **Principle 3:** We want to secure the health and well-being of our children and young people and safeguard their welfare, especially the more vulnerable;
- **Principle 4:** We want to further develop the leadership capacity in our schools;
- **Principle 5:** We want to integrate ICT throughout as part of the transformation of learning experiences for children, young people and the community.

4. Recommendations

- 4.1. In accordance with CSO 11.03, for the Cabinet Procurement Committee to award the contract for design and technical services to NPS London Ltd and authorise spending on this contract up to the sum detailed in Appendix 14.1 for the duration of the project

5. Reason for recommendation(s)

- 5.1. In March 2008, A Procurement Report was made to Cabinet Procurement Committee seeking Member agreement to enter into a Framework Agreement for the provision of construction related consultancy services with a single lead supplier for a period of two years with the option to extend for a period of two years on an annual basis subject to satisfactory performance of the company.
- 5.2. At this meeting Members approved the proposal to enter into a Framework Agreement with NPS London Ltd as the single lead supplier to provide all construction consultancy services relating to construction work; these being in the main (but not limited to) building surveying, general architecture, landscape architecture, mechanical and electrical engineering, structural engineering, civil engineering and project management.
- 5.3. It was agreed at the Procurement Committee meeting in March 2008, that any contract valued over £250,000 brought forward under this framework agreement must be approved by the Cabinet Procurement Committee
- 5.4. The fee proposed for the Rhodes Expansion project is based upon the Framework Agreement rates, which ensures that the fees paid are competitive.
- 5.5. Presently, consultancy services and disbursement costs for surveys for RIBA Stages A to C have been awarded under contract standing orders 11.02 by the Director of C&YPS

6. Other options considered

- 6.1. Not applicable

7. Summary

- 7.1. Rhodes Avenue Primary School is a successful 2 form of entry primary school In order to meet projected demand for primary school places in the Alexandra Ward; it has been proposed to expand to a 3 form of entry. The design team have been commissioned to progress with the design, pending a final decision to expand by cabinet. The decision is expected in July 2009.
- 7.2. The Rhodes Avenue Primary Expansion project is seeking approval from Members to award NPS London Ltd, who are the single lead supplier under the Framework Agreement for the provision for construction related consultancy services, the contract for design and technical services for the duration of the project. The appointment also includes disbursements costs to undertake various surveys. The total fee proposed exceeds £250,000 and thus must be approved by Cabinet Procurement Committee prior to award of the contract.

8. Chief Financial Officer Comments

- 8.1 The Chief Financial Officer has been consulted on this report and has no further comments.

9. Head of Legal Services Comments

- 9.1. This Director of Children & Young People's Services is seeking Cabinet Procurement Committee approval to award the contract for the design and technical services relating to the construction work a the Rhodes Avenue Primary School to the Contractor named in paragraph 1.1 of this report.
- 9.2. It is noted that at the Cabinet Procurement Committee meeting of March 2008 Members approved the proposal to enter into a Framework Agreement with NPS London Limited as the single lead supplier to provide all construction consultancy services relating to construction work.
- 9.3. The Director of Children and Young People's Services has confirmed that the Framework Agreement was advertised in OJEU in accordance with the Public Contracts Regulations 2006.
- 9.4. The value of this contract exceeds £250,000. Therefore it is a requirement of the Contract Standing Order 11.03 that approval is obtained from the Cabinet Procurement Committee.
- 9.5. The award of this contract is a key decision as it involves a contract valued at over £500,000. A key decision is required by CSO 11.04 to be included in the Council's Forward Plan. Children & Young People have confirmed that the contract covered is included in the Forward Plan.
- 9.6. The Head of Legal Services confirms that there are no legal reasons preventing members from approving the recommendation as to the proposed contract award set out in Paragraph 4 of this report

10. Head of Procurement Comments

- 10.1. The consultant NPS London Ltd has been called off the Consultants for Construction work framework for design and related construction services as

the single strategic supplier which was established in April 2008 for an initial two years.

- 10.2. The Consultants NPS London Ltd has set up their supply chain in discussion with the Client and the fees agreed are competitive.
- 10.3. The Head of Procurement therefore acknowledges the recommendations to appoint NPS London Ltd as stated in paragraph 4.

11. Equalities & Community Cohesion Comments

- 11.1. As part of the appointment process onto the Construction Related Consultancy Services Framework, NPS London Ltd provided tender information on Diversity and Equality and were evaluated against the Council's criteria for Equalities.
- 11.2. The design of the new school facility will be fully accessible.
- 11.3. The expansion project will offer greater opportunities for extended use and community cohesion.
- 11.4. An EIA is currently being undertaken and will be submitted when the report to Procurement Committee is made with a recommendation to appoint a contractor for the works. At this stage the EIA will be passed to the Equality Unit for sign off.

12. Consultation

- 12.1. The Construction Procurement Group has been fully consulted in the preparation of this report.
- 12.2. A wide range of internal and external stakeholders have been consulted during the initial Feasibility Stage of Design and these stakeholders, including the school, the local community, and local Members, will continue to have regular involvement in the design of the school going forward.

13. Service Financial Comments

- 13.1. Provision of £8.9m is included in the approved CYPS capital programme for the Rhodes Avenue expansion project. The total estimated cost of the project, including fees is made up as follows:

	£000
Construction	6,640
Fixtures and fittings	630
Fees	710
Disbursements	176
Contingency	744
Total	8,900

- 13.2. The fee budget includes provision for the cost of the consultancy services to be

commissioned from NPS which are the subject of this report.

14. Use of appendices /Tables and photographs

The following information forms Part B of this report:

- 14.1. Appendix A: Fee Summary
- 14.2. Appendix B: Programme Milestones

15. Local Government (Access to Information) Act 1985

15.1. The following documents were used in the compilation of this report:

14.1.1 Haringey Council Plan 2007/2010

15.2. Appendix 1 of this report contains exempt information and is not for publication. The exempt information is under the following category (identified in the amended Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972):

Information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the authority holding that information) (Ground 3).