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**B090/20**

## DECISION RECORD <sup>1</sup>

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**Subject:**

HCC 2012478

**Pre-Construction Services: Agreement for the Building of New SEN Secondary School, Valley School, Stevenage**

Staff Contact: Jackie Aldridge

Executive Member: Ralph Sangster

Tel: 01992 588138

Portfolio: Resources

### 1. Decision

- 1.1 That the Assistant Director for Property; has determined that Annex A to this Decision Record should not be disclosed to the public as it contains exempt information as defined by Section 100 of the Local Government Act 1972, Schedule 12A, the public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighing the public interest in disclosing that information;
- 1.2 Subject to 1.1 above, awards the contract for the provision of Pre-Construction Services agreement for the building of new SEN secondary school at The Valley, Stevenage to the preferred supplier set out in Annex A and approves the signing of the contract.

### 2. Reasons for the decision

Based on the current condition of The Valley School, new permanent accommodation requires constructing to avoid serious delays and disruption to service provision for these students. Mace as part of their feasibility work undertook a review of the design and build procurement options available to Hertfordshire County Council (HCC) for the delivery of the construction of the new Valley School on the site of the existing school.

The procurement report identified ten procurement routes available to HCC for a project of this value, these different routes were assessed based on which route delivered best value in terms of cost, timing and risk; including considerations for sustainability and modern Methods of Construction. The scoring outcome from the procurement report recommended the use of PAGABO National Framework for Major Construction Works using a single supplier option. The single supplier selected from the PAGABO Major Framework was Ashe Construction who are based in Hertfordshire and have worked on many educational projects for HCC over the last 20 years.

### 3. Alternative options considered and rejected <sup>2</sup>

### 4. Consultation

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(a) Comments of Executive Member<sup>3 4</sup>

no comment

(b) Comments of other consultees<sup>5</sup>

### 5. Following consultation with, and the concurrence of the Executive Member, I am proceeding with the proposed decision.

Signed:  DocuSigned by:  
Sass Pledger  
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Title: Assistant Director - Property  
Date: 24-Dec-2020

### 6. Copies of agreed document to:

- All consultees
- Chairman, and Vice-Chairmen of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee
- hard & electronic copy (for public inspection both at County Hall and on Hertsdirect)  
Democratic Services Manager - Room 213 County Hall

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<sup>1</sup> for guidance see Chief Legal Officer's note "Taking Decisions"

<sup>2</sup> details of any alternative options considered and rejected by the officer at the time the decision was made

<sup>3</sup> record any conflict of interest declared by any Executive Member consulted. If an Executive Member declares a conflict of interest DO NOT PROCEED without seeking advice from the Chief Legal Officer

<sup>4</sup> If the matter has general significance for the Council and/or is, or is likely to be, controversial, then the officer shall consult the appropriate Executive Member before proceeding. In some cases it will be necessary to consult more than one Executive Member, and in some cases the Leader of the Council will need to be consulted

<sup>5</sup> If the matter has local significance, but no general significance for the Council and no controversial aspects, the officer shall consult or inform the local member in writing (or by e mail) and proceed. It is essential that all officers responsible for delivering services ensure that local members are kept well briefed on issues affecting their areas.