

REPORT TO: CITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE – 26 OCTOBER 2015

REPORT ON: NORTH EAST SCHOOL CAMPUS - SCAPE FRAMEWORK

REPORT BY: EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF CITY DEVELOPMENT

REPORT NO: 388-2015

1 PURPOSE OF REPORT

1.1 This report seeks authority to procure the construction of the new North East School Campus through the Scape Framework and advises Committee as to the benefits of using the Scape Framework for procuring the construction of capital projects.

2 RECOMMENDATION

2.1 It is recommended that the Committee:

- a notes the benefits of using the Scape Framework to procure capital projects and in particular that utilising the Scape Framework enables the Contractor, Robertson Construction, to require all sub-contractors to pay the Living Wage as a minimum to all employees; and
- b approves the procurement of the construction of the new North East School Campus through the Scape Framework.

3 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

3.1 There are no direct financial implications resulting from this report.

4 BACKGROUND

4.1 Reference is made to Article XIV of the meeting of the City Development Committee of 24 August 2015 when the Committee considered Report No 275-2015 and noted the benefits achieved to date by using the Scape Framework to procure capital projects and in particular that utilising the Scape Framework enables the Contractor, Robertson Construction, to require all sub-contractors to pay the Living Wage as a minimum to all employees.

4.2 Reference is also made to Article III of the meeting of the Education Committee of 22 June 2015 when the Committee considered Report No 174-2015 and agreed that St Luke's and St Mathew's RC Primary School and St Vincent's RC Primary School be closed and that a new Roman Catholic primary school be established and located on a new school campus along with the relocation of Longhaugh Primary School and Longhaugh Nursery School to that campus, which would be located on the ground adjacent to the existing Longhaugh Primary School site.

4.3 Members will recall that the benefits of using the Scape Framework include:-

- the use of in-house and external design consultants;
- utilising the Contractor's construction expertise from early in the design process, assisting with cost certainty and value for money;
- open book tendering;
- the Contractor is contractually required to achieve high use of local sub-contractors; and
- the Contractor is contractually required to deliver additional community benefits.

- 4.4 In practice, the design teams have integrated well with the Robertson pre-construction staff to produce well balanced designs making best use of the topography of the sites. Robertson staff have also contributed invaluable early stage input to the design process, along with cost checks at critical points to assist with informing further design of elements and ensuring projects stay within the Council cost parameters and programmes.
- 4.5 Under the Scape Framework, Robertson must achieve a number of Key Performance Indicators, in particular relating to the use of local sub-contractors and suppliers. These include

Community Benefit Area	Target	Source
<u>Supplier Development</u>		
Percentage of Spend (allocated locally)		
Contract Spend within 10 miles	20%	SCAPE
Contract Spend within 20 miles	40%	SCAPE
Contract Spend within 40 miles	75%	SCAPE
Supplier Development Events	2	DCC
<u>Employment and Skills</u>		
Local Labour Monitoring	Monitor Only	DCC
New Start Employment Opportunities	2	DCC
Apprentices (Project Initiated)	3	DCC
Work Experience (School and Post School)	9	DCC
Awareness Raising/Curriculum Support Events	5	DCC

- 4.6 Additional community benefits targets have also been agreed with the Council and these include supplier development, employment and skills activities, community awareness activity and workforce skills development. Robertson Construction are in regular contact with the Council's Community Benefits Policy Officer to monitor the achievement of these targets.
- 4.7 Dundee City Council will have fulfilled its procurement obligations by accessing the OJEU advertised Scape Framework. It has been confirmed that the structure of the Scape Framework enables Robertson Construction when they are tendering work packages to require that sub-contractors (and the sub-contractors' sub-contractors') pay the Living Wage as a minimum to all employees.
- 4.8 The Council's experience to date is that the Scape Framework procurement route offers the Council a number of advantages including competitive tender prices, utilising the lead contractor expertise from an early stage and maximising the local supply chains opportunity to be involved with Council projects. The continued use of the Scape Framework in appropriate projects will allow the lessons learned from previous and current such projects to benefit future projects thus achieving economic design and construction solutions for the Council. Consequently the Committee's approval is sought to procure the construction of the new North East School Campus through the Scape Framework.

5 POLICY IMPLICATIONS

- 5.1 This Report has been screened for any policy implications in respect of Sustainability, Strategic Environmental Assessment, Anti-Poverty, Equality Impact Assessment and Risk Management. There are no major issues.

6 CONSULTATIONS

- 6.1 The Chief Executive, the Executive Director of Corporate Services and Head of Democratic and Legal Services have been consulted and are in agreement with the contents of this report.

7 BACKGROUND PAPERS

- 7.1 None.

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