Report to Cabinet Item

12 April 2017

Report of Chief finance officer (Section 151 Officer)

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Subject Procurement for income generation for Norwich City Council by advertising in its three multi storey car parks

KEY DECISION

Purpose

To consider the award of the contract for income generation for Norwich City Council by advertising in its three multi storey car parks

Recommendation

To award the contract for the management of internal advertising space in the council's three multi-storey car parks to Colin Huggins and Donna Titcombe in a business partnership known as Raymar Leisure, trading as Digital Signage Company.

Corporate and service priorities

The report helps to meet the corporate priority value for money services

Financial implications

The council will receive a guaranteed fixed income fee of £212, 800. Whilst this fee is spread across the five year period of the contract, annual income totals are set at rising increments during this time.

If there is any net income for the year (that is: income which is over and above *double* the guaranteed fixed income fee), the council will also receive an overage of 25% of that amount.

Loss in the region of £125-150k over a five year period (via NPS, who currently manage the sale of advertisement posters in the three MSCP's).

Ward/s: Multiple Wards

Cabinet member: Councillor Stonard - Resources and business liaison

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Background documents

None

Report

Background

- 1. The 'income theme' strand of the transformation programme has been investigating the possibilities of generating income from advertising and sponsorship.
- 2. Opportunities have been identified from previously commissioned reports, best practice, case studies and research.
- The procurement exercise focussed on immediate advertising income opportunities
 provided by the vehicles and associated footfall passing though the council's three
 multi-storey carparks (MSCPs).
- 4. NPS currently manage the sale of advertisement posters in these three MSCP's, with income over a five year period likely to be in the region of £125-150k.
- 5. Research has been conducted to help determine available opportunities, possible partners and current practices. Initial informal and without prejudice discussions have also taken place with operators to better understand the market.
- 6. The Authority is currently in contract with a company to oversee the bus shelter advertising contract. They were contacted and invited to the informal discussions but no response was received.

Options

- 7. Having a contract for internal MSCP advertising specifically would help to obtain maximum income for the Authority by utilising contractors' key skills, knowledge, expertise and contacts.
- 8. It is recommended that the council appoint a contractor to manage the entire process of installing, maintaining, selling, removing etc. advertising displays in the MSCPs. Therefore requiring little to no resource or investment by the council whilst still receiving a share of the income.
- 9. A contract period of five years with the option of a five year extension (at the council's discretion) is recommended to allow a long enough period to warrant the potential required investment by a contractor, whilst providing the council the opportunity to change arrangements after five years.
- 10. A guaranteed fixed income fee p.a. was required from the contractor to ensure that the council receives a regular income. This also ensures that the income received exceeds the income currently generated by our arrangement with NPS.

Conclusion and tender exercise

- 11. A full procurement exercise was undertaken and one tender response was received from Colin Huggins and Donna Titcombe in a business partnership known as Raymar Leisure, trading as Digital Signage Company.
- 12. The tender response was evaluated against a two stage process. Stage one was on a pass/fail basis that suppliers had to pass to proceed to Stage two. Raymar

- Leisure, trading as Digital Signage Company passed this stage as they provided evidence of the requested insurances and an adequate health and safety policy.
- 13. As Raymar Leisure, trading as Digital Signage Company were the only respondents to the ITT, they automatically scored 100% of the pricing marks in Stage 2.
- 14. They propose to pay the council a guaranteed fixed income of £212,800 over the five year period. As well as an overage of 25% of any net income for the year, over and above double the agreed income fee.

Integrated impact assessment



The IIA should assess the impact of the recommendation being made by the report

Detailed guidance to help with completing the assessment can be found here. Delete this row after completion

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Date assessed:	27/02/2017
Description:	Procurement for income generation for NCC by advertising in its three multi storey car parks

	Impact			
Economic (please add an 'x' as appropriate)	Neutral	Positive	Negative	Comments
Finance (value for money)				Awarding the contract will increase income generated by this activity by at least £15,000 in year one, rising to an additional £25,000 from year three.
Other departments and services e.g. office facilities, customer contact				
ICT services	\boxtimes			
Economic development	\boxtimes			
Financial inclusion	\boxtimes			
Social (please add an 'x' as appropriate)	Neutral	Positive	Negative	Comments
Safeguarding children and adults				
S17 crime and disorder act 1998	\boxtimes			
Human Rights Act 1998	\boxtimes			
Health and well being	\boxtimes			

		Impact		
Equality and diversity (please add an 'x' as appropriate)	Neutral	Positive	Negative	Comments
Relations between groups (cohesion)				
Eliminating discrimination & harassment				
Advancing equality of opportunity				
Environmental (please add an 'x' as appropriate)	Neutral	Positive	Negative	Comments
Transportation				
Natural and built environment				
Waste minimisation & resource use				
Pollution				
Sustainable procurement				
Energy and climate change				
(Please add an 'x' as appropriate)	Neutral	Positive	Negative	Comments

	Impact						
Risk management				The contract guarantees the council a fixed income for the next five years, reducing the risk of reduced income levels due to advertising market conditions.			
Recommendations from impact assessment							
Positive							
Positive financial and risk management outcomes for the council from awarding the contract.							
Negative							
Neutral							
Issues							