

CYNGOR SIR POWYS COUNTY COUNCIL.

Portfolio Holder Decision

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SUBJECT: Proposed new School at Trefonnen, Llandrindod;
Procurement

REPORT FOR: Record and Authorisation

Portfolio Holders

County Councillor Stephen Hayes; Portfolio holder for Corporate Governance & Corporate Property

County Councillor David Jones: Portfolio holder for Schools/Education

Officers

Geoff Petty: Head of Finance & Corporate Performance

Douglas Wilson: Head of Schools and Inclusion

David Bradley: Construction Procurement & Premises Manager

Jim Swabey: Central Property Team Leader

Background

To take advantage of considerable WAG funding for the scheme, construction work must start on site in January 2010. The procurement process is subject to EU tendering procedure due to the contract value. To meet the program, the contractor needs to be engaged in the design process now.

Property & Design Services considered how the project could be procured meeting the above criteria. A detailed report and procurement plan was prepared for consideration by Portfolio holders and the Head of Finance & Corporate Performance.

Proposal

Scape is a Local Authority controlled company with the objective of bringing economy and efficiency to the whole building process. It does this through the development of standard designs for the structural elements and strategic procurement arrangements.

Scape provides two services.

Scape Technology - A component based steel frame and building envelope system providing a systematised design solution that offers high levels of efficiency through a supporting design service.

Strategic National Framework - Scape have tendered through an EU compliant process a Framework for construction; this is available for use by any public sector body. The current appointed contractor is a leading contractor in the Education field, Willmott Dixon. The Framework allows for the Authority to commit to the use of this contractor in stages, with no commitment to move to the subsequent stage.

Recommendation

The building will be designed by Powys Property team with Scape providing a design service for the steel frame and building envelope system that will form part of the final construction.

The Scape Strategic National Framework should be used to procure the contract for construction, subject to approvals at the end of each project development stage.

Decision

Appoint Scape to provide the design service and utilize Scape Technology in the construction as above.

Procure the contract using the Scape Strategic National Framework subject to the following approvals which will seek to approve design and cost at each stage.

Stage One: Feasibility, at end of this stage, report to Board for decision to move to:

Stage Two: Pre-construction; at end of this stage report to Board for decision to move to:

Stage Three: enter into contract with Willmott Dixon if recommended

Note: The commitment to Willmott Dixon can be terminated at any stage.