



Report of the Chief Constable to the Police and Crime Commissioner for Cleveland.

Status: For Decision

Procurement report for the Commissioning of the Research and Evaluation Partner

1 Purpose

- 1.1 In April 2022, the Government announced that 20 police force areas across the country would receive funding to support the Violence Reduction Units (VRU's), where it was confirmed that the Police and Crime Commissioner for Cleveland will receive a budget of £3.5m over the next three years to establish a local VRU.
- 1.2 Locally, the VRU will be named Cleveland's Unit for the Reduction of Violence (CURV). The work of CURV will be supported by a range of complementary partnership action, with £1.4m of investment in 'Grip' activity, which will support the police to take additional enforcement activity in specific hotspot locations most affected by serious violence.
- 1.3 At a local level, preventing, reducing and tackling serious violence is a key priority in the PCC's - Police and Crime Plan.
- 1.4 Nationally, the VRU programme forms a key part of the Government's suite of actions to tackle serious violent crime as set out in the Beating Crime Plan.
- 1.5 As a mandatory requirement, the Home Office has specified that Violence Reduction Units must conduct a local evaluation, evidencing the action being taken to build upon the Strategic Needs Assessment and Response Strategy to reduce serious violence. In addition any information relating to local evaluations should form part of CURVs annual report.
- 1.6 The Research and Evaluation Partner will be embedded into CURV.

2 Recommendations

- 2.1 That the Police and Crime Commissioner note the procurement process used to appoint a contract for the Commissioning of Research and Evaluation Partner.
- 2.2 The Police and Crime Commissioner accept recommendation of the Evaluation Team to award the contract to Bidder 2.

3 Reasons

- 3.1 An advert was placed in Contracts Finder and the Bluelight E-tendering system inviting suppliers to bid for the service. An open tender was carried out using EU Supply as the tender portal, advertising the contract in Contract Finder as per the Public Procurement Regulations 2015.
- 3.2 56 suppliers expressed an interest in the Tender, however only 8 submitted a tender response by the closing date on the 9th September 2022.
- 3.3 In addition to a number of mandatory pass/fail questions such as mandatory/discretionary exclusion/financial viability/ Insurance etc., the evaluation criterion was 80% Quality and Service Delivery and 20% Price.
- 3.4 The evaluation team, which consisted of key members from the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner and Middlesbrough Council, evaluated the bid in line with the criteria set out within the Tender document and moderation was conducted to finalise the score as per the table below:

- 3.5 Bidder 1 did not complete the mandatory questions on EU Supply which includes questions such as modern slavery, insurance levels and mandatory/discretionary exclusion.
- 3.6 Bidder 5 and 6 failed to score over 40% on the quality scores and therefore in line with the evaluation guidance were not taken forward to price evaluation.
- 3.7 The evaluation team were confident that Bidder 2 can deliver a good service to the PCC.

Pass/Fail									
Question	Pass/Fail	B1	B2	B3	B4	B5	B6	B7	B8
EU Supply Part 2	Pass/Fail	Fail	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass
Eu Supply Part 3	Pass/Fail	Fail	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass
Financial	Pass/Fail	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass
Equality and Diversity	Pass/Fail	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass
Ethical Procurement	Pass/Fail	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass
Environmental	Pass/Fail	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass
Health and Safety	Pass/Fail	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass
Quality	80%	B1	B2	B3	B4	B5	B6	B7	B8
Social Value	10%	0.00%	9.00%	9.00%	4.00%	9.00%	6.00%	4.00%	6.00%
Service Specification	40%	0.00%	36.00%	24.00%	36.00%	12.00%	16.00%	36.00%	36.00%
Experience	10%	0.00%	9.00%	7.00%	7.00%	4.00%	4.00%	7.00%	4.00%
Effective Management	10%	0.00%	4.00%	6.00%	7.00%	4.00%	4.00%	7.00%	4.00%
Delivery Structure	5%	0.00%	3.00%	2.00%	3.00%	2.00%	3.00%	2.00%	2.00%
Equality and Diversity	5%	0.00%	3.50%	3.00%	3.00%	2.00%	3.50%	2.00%	1.50%
Total Quality	80%	0.00%	64.50%	51.00%	60.00%	33.00%	36.50%	58.00%	53.50%
Price	20%	B1	B2	B3	B4	B5	B6	B7	B8
			19.97%	20.00%	19.46%			12.99%	19.14%
Total Price	0.00%	0.00%	19.97%	20.00%	19.46%	0.00%	0.00%	12.99%	19.14%
Total	100%	B1	B2	B3	B4	B5	B6	B7	B8
		0.00%	84.47%	71.00%	79.46%	33.00%	36.50%	70.99%	72.64%

4 Implications

4.1 Financial

The Financial Envelope for this contract was set at £65,000 per annum, however the first year envelope was £86,666 as it ran from 16 months.

Years 3 & 4 were subject to funding but anticipated this to be £65,000

Bidder 2 submitted price for this service at:

Year 1 - £84,844

Year 2 - £60,633

Years 3 & 4 (subject to funding) - £62,633

Therefore savings of £10,9223 over the contract term

4.6 Diversity & Equal Opportunities

Diversity and Equality Implications have been considered as part of this tender and specification development.

4.7 Human Rights Act

There are no Human Rights Act implications arising from this report.

4.8 Sustainability

Social Value Questions and Sustainability were included within the scored area of the tender. No implications arise from this procurement.

4.9 Risk

There are no risks associated with the award of this contract.

5 Conclusions

5.1 The Evaluation Team is confident that the procurement exercise has been conducted in a fair, comprehensive, thorough and transparent process.

5.2 The Recommended Bidder has submitted the Most Economically Advantageous Tender and the evaluation team are confident they will be able to deliver a successful product.

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