

Officer Decision/Mayoral Decision No.:

ODN221-2020

## DECISION TITLE: GSE Energy Hub – Renewable energy and energy efficiency software

NAME OF OFFICER/MAYOR EXERCISING DELEGATED POWERS: John T Hill

## DATE OF OFFICER/MAYORAL DECISION:

25<sup>th</sup> September 2020

| Responsible Director/Mayor:   | John T Hill – Director of Business and skills                               |
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| Report Author and contact details:  | Maxine Narburgh<br>Regional Hub Manager<br>maxine.narburgh@energyhub.org.uk |
| Is it a key decision?   | NO  |
| All reports will be published on<br>the CA website. Does your report<br>include exempt for confidential<br>information? | NO  |
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| Implementation Date   |   |



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| Decision takan                        | The Director of Business and Skills agreed to:  |
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| Decision taken                        | 5   |
|                                       | (a) award a contract for the provision of renewable   |
|                                       | energy and energy efficiency software and services for  |
|                                       | the Greater South East Energy Hub to Ongen  |
|                                       | (b) This decision notice reflects a decision taken by the GSE Energy Hub Board, GSE Hub Regional Manager and CPCA to engage an external supplier to provide renewable energy software and services for the  |
|                                       | Greater South East Energy Hub for the benefit of local  |
|                                       | authorities supported by the GSE Energy Hub initiative.<br>The proposed contract will be fully funded by the BEIS<br>grant paid to CPCA as Accountable Body for<br>the Energy Hub.  |
|                                       | Ongen are on the Crown Commercial Services, Digital   |
|                                       | marketplace, G-Cloud 11 framework and a direct award  |
|                                       | via that framework is to be finalised.  |
|                                       | The contract period will be a maximum of one year and not exceed £24,400 in the first instance with a upper   |
|                                       | limit of £75,000 to be approved by the Hub Board by   |
|                                       | following subsequent written procedure if required.   |
| Authorisation (delete as appropriate) | This decision has been taken under:<br>For the initial allocation of £24,300  |
|                                       | Officer Scheme of delegation and Proper Officers Ch 17 para 1.2, Ch 17 para 3.3 of the Combined Authority Constitution which allows contracts up to £50,000 in value to be awarded by a Chief Officer.  |
|                                       | As the contract may exceed £50K, a report to authorise the award has<br>been provided to legal services and finance officer for approval by the<br>Chief Finance officer; under Officer Scheme of delegation and Proper<br>Officers Ch 17 para 1.2, Ch 17 para 3.4 of the Combined Authority<br>Constitution. |
| Background Information                | <b>Context</b><br>The Energy Hub has been approached by local authorities seeking<br>support and expert advice on public sector building decarbonisation<br>for the Hub to support business case development for applications<br>to the £1bn public sector decarbonisation fund due to be launched            |



|                                 | <ul> <li>this Autumn. The use of software to support business case development will enable the Hub to provide support to local authorities at scale.</li> <li>Selection The Hub has worked with procurement and legal services to identify the preferred procurement route and suitable supplies through the CCS Digital marketplace, G-Cloud 11 framework. The Hub has engaged with two potential suppliers Ongen and Arbnco. The Ongen product meets the requirements of the Hub and have been selected on that basis. It is proposed to direct award in line with the provisions of the CCS Framework Digital marketplaces, G-Cloud 11 for cloud software. </li> <li>A paper was presented to the Hub Board on 4<sup>th</sup> September for approval of an initial budget of £24,300, rising to £75,000 pending the outcome of the initial pilot. The spend of £24,300 was approved by the Hub Board from the technical consultancy budget (£335K) with any additional spend to be approved via written procedure.</li></ul> |
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| Alternative options considered. | Options:<br>1) Alternative suppliers - Arbnco – covered energy efficiency<br>software but did not provide required level of detail for<br>measures and was rejected.  |
|                                 | <ol> <li>Seek quotations – this is a limited marketplace and was<br/>rejected due to the timescale within which the work needs to<br/>be undertaken.</li> </ol>   |
|                                 | <ol> <li>Do nothing – this was rejected as additional resource will<br/>support more business cases to the £1 billion in capital<br/>funding Public Sector Decarbonisation Scheme from our<br/>region and support the green recovery agenda<br/>"<u>https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/a-plan-for-jobs-<br/>documents/a-plan-for-jobs-2020</u>).</li> </ol>   |
| Financial Implications          | Please include the total costs and how the project will be funded. Please include budget codes for your directorate   |
|                                 | The total cost of the project is £75,000, the initial approval is for £24,300<br>This funding comes from the Energy Hub budget cost centre CX00094  |



| Consultation   | List any relevant consultation<br>undertaken in relation to the decision.<br>For example portfolio holders, other<br>Chief Officers.   | Procurement<br>Legal services (David Cox)<br>Procurement (Heidi Parker) |  |
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|  | Chief Executive  | n/a   |  |
|  | Responsible Director/Chief Officer   | John T Hill DATE  |  |
|  | Monitoring Officer   | n/a   |  |
|  | S73  | n/a   |  |
|  | Finance Manager  | Vanessa Ainsworth   |  |
|  | Other  | n/a   |  |
| Declarations / Conflicts of<br>Interests (only if the decision<br>falls under the 'Express<br>Authorisation' category) | List the names of any member who has been consulted on and declared an interest in relation to the decision.<br>None to be noted   |   |  |
| Supporting documentation   | List any supporting documentation available in relation to this decision (all of this information must be retained for public inspection for a period of at least 4 years – there is no provision for the release of exempt/confidential information). |   |  |
|  | <ul> <li>Energy Hub – PublicSectorBuildingProcurement_6_8_20.docx<br/>(summary of requirements and results from search of the<br/>Digital Marketplace and their evaluation).</li> </ul>  |   |  |

| Officer/Mayor<br>signature  | line -      | Date     |  |
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|   | John T Hill |          |  |
| Once signed please file in the electronic file Documents/Governance/ office decision notice |             |          |  |
| and enter details in the register.  |             |          |  |
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