

Report of: Head of Development Management

Report to: Chief Planning Officer

Date: 29 November 2017

Subject: Thorp Arch appeal – Waiver of Contract Procedure Rules – Orders over £ 10k.

Are specific electoral Wards affected? If relevant, name(s) of Ward(s): Wetherby	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
Are there implications for equality and diversity and cohesion and integration?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
Is the decision eligible for Call-In?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
Does the report contain confidential or exempt information? If relevant, Access to Information Procedure Rule number: Appendix number:	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No

1. Purpose of the report

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to seek approval to waive Contract Procedure Rules for orders over £ 10k, to appoint the Valuation Office Agency (HM Revenue and Customs) for consultancy work.

2. Summary of main issues and background information

- 2.1 The Head of Development Management is seeking authority, as part of the ongoing work relating to the Thorp Arch planning appeal, to appoint The Valuation Office Agency for a review of a Viability Assessment.
- 2.2 The cost of the order to be raised is £ 12,600 (inclusive of VAT) and therefore requires the Chief Planning Officer to waive Contract Procedure Rules relating to competition, for orders in excess of the amount of £ 10k.
- 2.3 The Valuation Office Agency has been used for a number of years to deal with all financial viability appraisals submitted in relation to major development schemes. It is an agency of HM Revenue and Customs. There is no one else who is able to look at the financial details put forward by developers and make a rational assessment on the viability of the scheme(s).

3. Resources and value for money

- 3.1 The costs associated with this proposal will be contained within current budgets

4. Recommendation

- 4.1 The Chief Planning Officer is requested to give approval to waive Contract Procedure Rules relating to orders over £10k, to permit the appointment of consultants for a review of potential contaminated land relief, relating to the Thorp Arch appeal.