

**Report of** Head of Migration Yorkshire

**Report to** Director Communities and Environment

**Date:** 25<sup>th</sup> July 2018

**Subject:** To tender for a contract to undertake qualitative research for the project 'Place-based data and mitigating local impacts of migration'.

Are specific electoral Wards affected? If relevant, name(s) of Ward(s):	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
Are there implications for equality and diversity and cohesion and integration?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input 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

**Summary of main issues**

The purpose of this report is to seek approval to commence a procurement exercise in order to secure a contract to undertake the qualitative research for the project 'Place-based data and mitigating local impacts of migration'.

Migration Yorkshire has secured a grant from the MHCLG Controlling Migration Fund to fund this work.

**Recommendations**

The Director Communities and Environment is recommended to approve the commencement of a procurement exercise in order to secure a contract to undertake the qualitative research for the project 'Place-based data and mitigating local impacts of migration'.

## **1 Purpose of this report**

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to seek approval to commence a procurement exercise in order to secure a contract to undertake the qualitative research for the project 'Place-based data and mitigating local impacts of migration'.

## **2 Background information**

- 2.1 Migration Yorkshire has secured £396,930 funding from the MHCLG Controlling Migration Fund. The purpose of the application was to address the incomplete understanding of how and why migration impacts differently on local communities in Yorkshire and Humber, and explore how local authorities learn from, deal with and mitigate these impacts.
- 2.2 We want to explore how migration interacts with other socio-economic issues at community levels, and how different types of communities respond to migration.

## **3 Main issues**

- 3.1 The four main elements of the project are outlined below:
1. Collecting and processing holistic statistical data at local community level.
  2. Identifying neighbourhoods experiencing recent change (including migration).
  3. Understanding the impacts of migration in changing local communities.
  4. Providing evidence and learning to mitigate the impacts of migration at local level and share positive practice.
- 3.2 The qualitative research that we are seeking permission to procure in this report, will enable us to understand the impacts of migration in changing local communities. We wish to undertake a procurement exercise for organisations in the region to bid for this work.
- 3.3 The size of the contract will be no more than £150,000.
- 3.4 Migration Yorkshire will work alongside the successful bidder to undertake the qualitative research collaboratively. The MHCLG funding has been awarded until March 2020 and the contract for qualitative research will take place within this timeframe.
- 3.5 Migration Yorkshire will select 10 neighbourhoods for the research; this will be based on various factors including include migration, demographics and socio-economic data. The contractor will conduct detailed qualitative research in these 10 research sites. Through various methods they will seek to understand directly from a cross-section of residents and service providers about the perceived impact of migration in these areas.
- 3.6 Ultimately, our project should improve how local authorities prepare for and mitigate issues related to new migration, which will in turn benefit local communities. The project should facilitate dialogue between local authorities and learning between areas with similar contexts.

- 3.7 This project will contribute to the Safe, Strong Communities priority area of the Best Council Plan, in particular the following priority: 'Being responsive to local needs, building thriving, resilient communities'.

## **4 Corporate Considerations**

### **4.1 Consultation and Engagement**

- 4.1.1 Lead officers for migration in local authorities across Yorkshire and the Humber were consulted about the research proposal and funding bid, and expressed their support (for example at the Yorkshire and Humber Strategic Migration Group on 19/10/2017).

### **4.2 Equality and Diversity / Cohesion and Integration**

- 4.2.1 Please see attached equality impact assessment.

### **4.3 Council policies and the Best Council Plan**

- 4.3.1 This project will contribute to the Safe, Strong Communities priority area of the Best Council Plan, in particular the following priority: 'Being responsive to local needs, building thriving, resilient communities'. The Plan states that 'Leeds is a growing and richly diverse city ... As a City of Sanctuary, we celebrate this diversity and want Leeds to be welcoming city for all, where people get on with each other and feel they are part of their local neighbourhood'. This project will enable local authorities in the region, including Leeds, to better plan for the impact of migration at a neighbourhood level.

### **4.4 Resources and value for money**

- 4.4.1 There are no resource implications for Leeds City Council as this project is funded by the MHCLG. Value for money will be a criterion in the assessment of tender applications. The total grant for the project awarded by MHCLG to Migration Yorkshire is £396,930. The project end date is the end of March 2020.

### **4.5 Legal Implications, Access to Information and Call In**

- 4.5.1 The value of the contract is no more than £150,000 and as such is a Significant Operational Decision, and will be published on the Council's website.

### **4.6 Risk Management**

- 4.6.1 The contract will be managed and monitored throughout the project to ensure that the contractor is delivering the research as required.

## **5 Conclusions**

- 5.1 Approval is sought from the Director Communities and Environment to commence a procurement exercise on behalf of Migration Yorkshire.

## **6 Recommendations**

- 6.1 The Director Communities and Environment is recommended to approve the commencement of a procurement exercise in order to secure a contract to undertake the qualitative research for the project 'Place-based data and mitigating local impacts of migration'.

## **7 Background documents<sup>1</sup>**

7.1 None.

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<sup>1</sup> The background documents listed in this section are available to download from the Council's website, unless they contain confidential or exempt information. The list of background documents does not include published works.