

Permission to utilise LCC framework: Yorkshire & Humber Discovery & Framework Services Framework (Yortender ref: ITS201396) as part of the Data Acceleration Fund

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Report of: Head of Service - Children and Families Commissioning Team

Report to: Deputy Director – Children & Families

Will the decision be open for call in? Yes No

Does the report contain confidential or exempt information? Yes No

What is this report about?

Including how it contributes to the city's and council's ambitions

- This report seeks **significant operational decision** from the Deputy Director to utilise the existing LCC framework: Yorkshire & Humber Discovery & Framework Services Framework (Yortender ref: ITS201396) as part of the Data Acceleration Fund (DAF) programme of work.
- The council is committed to early help in its' work to support children and families. Intervening early in the life of problems and supporting families to help themselves. Leeds has strong partnerships and practice but to go forward needs better integrated data at all organisational levels. The government (Dept of Levelling Up, Housing and Communities) data accelerator fund for children's services matched with these objectives. Both the digital acceleration and the goals of the national supporting families programme, as in early help. By focusing on childhood trauma, we have linked in local health population priorities. Other local authorities have similar needs and the bid was made in partnership with Bradford City Council, with Leeds as the lead authority and bidder.
- The application window for funding was very tight. Similarly delivery will need to be robust, including sharing progress with other authorities and ensuring enough progress by 31 March to secure year 2 funding. The local context is one of joining up priorities from multiple agendas including digital, childhood trauma and early help practice. It is essential to translate this into a deliverable work programme. Translating the discovery into deliverable pilot initiatives.
- The DAF programme has identified a need to appoint an external contractor to deliver elements of the DAF bid. Primarily the contractor will be responsible for undertaking the role of critical friend (as described in the bid) and to undertake initial project management/coordination to kick start the programme of work including establishing the four work streams:
 1. Project – supporting accountability and communications

2. Practice – with frontline services work to capture, articulate and use intelligence to drive improvement in case practice and in local outcomes. Engage families and explore IG and ethics.
3. Data – Link DAF with Supporting Families earned autonomy and Leeds Office of data analytics to bring data together around people and place.
4. Trauma – Develop the population health methodology for childhood trauma / adverse childhood experiences.

Emphasis on set up and progress and then bringing outputs of work areas together including Leeds and Bradford aspects and the learning to share nationally.

- Ongoing programme management and coordination of discovery work may be required: decisions around this will be made by the DAF Operational Group. Provision for this has been made when scoping the contract.
- The provision of this contract contributes to our work on improving data usage to support our commitment to outstanding practice, ensuring we have the right conversations, at the right time in line with the Leeds Early Help Strategy

Recommendations

- a) The Deputy Director is asked to provide permission to utilise the existing LCC framework: Yorkshire & Humber Discovery & Framework Services Framework (Yortender ref: ITS201396) to establish a contract with a provider on the framework.
- b) The contract will be commence as soon as possible following evaluation of the mini-competition: this will be in December 2021- January 2022. The contract will expire on 31st March 2023.
- c) The contract will be established where we pay an agreed daily rate and **pay only** for the days used (called off): in line with the price element of the successful bidder. The total value for year 1 (2021/22) is £50k and the total value for year 2 (2022/23) is £100k. Therefore the total contract value is £150k

Why is the proposal being put forward?

- 1 Leeds City Council & Bradford Council were successful in being awarded funding from the Data Acceleration Fund (DAF). The DAF programme has identified a need to appoint an external contractor to deliver elements of the DAF bid.
- 2 The value of the contract and the existence of an existing framework requires permission to utilise the framework in line with Contract Procedure Rules.

What impact will this proposal have?

Wards affected:

Have ward members been consulted? Yes No

- 3 The provision of this contract contributes to our work on improving data usage to support our commitment to outstanding practice, ensuring we have the right conversations, at the right time in line with the Leeds Early Help Strategy.

What consultation and engagement has taken place?

- 4 Consultation has taken place with Bradford; as the partner Local Authority to the DAF bid. Consultation has also taken place with Integrated Digital Service (IDS) to confirm that we are able to utilise the framework.

What are the resource implications?

- 5 The contract will be established where we pay an agreed daily rate: in line with the bid submission. The total value for year 1 (2021/22) is £50k and the total value for year 2 (2022/23) is £100k. Therefore the total expenditure is £150k.
- 6 All costs associated with this contract will be paid from the Data Acceleration Fund.

What are the legal implications?

- 7 In line with contract procedures rules (CPR) permission is sought to utilise the existing LCC framework: Yorkshire & Humber Discovery & Framework Services Framework (Yortender ref: ITS201396) to establish a contract with a provider on the framework. The scope of this framework meets the needs of this area of work.
- 8 The framework requires a mini-competition to be published to all providers on the framework. The competition will be evaluated on price (40%) & quality (60%). Bidders will be asked to respond to 4 method statement questions and these will be evaluated by an evaluation panel of project representatives.

What are the key risks and how are they being managed?

- 9 The timescales associated with the Data Acceleration Fund (DAF) are extremely tight. Getting this contract in place is key to enabling the commitments made within the DAF bid a reality. The Head of Service: Intelligence & Policy will work with the successful provider to ensure the timescales are adhered to.

Does this proposal support the council's three Key Pillars?

Inclusive Growth Health and Wellbeing Climate Emergency

- 10 The provision of this contract contributes to our work on improving data usage to support our commitment to outstanding practice, ensuring we have the right conversations, at the right time in line with the Leeds Early Help Strategy.

Options, timescales and measuring success

What other options were considered?

- 11 A direct award was considered and rejected as there may be more than one organisation with experience to deliver the service.

How will success be measured?

- 12 The Contractor will be given key milestones and impact measures that they will be required to report on at regular intervals throughout the project.

What is the timetable for implementation?

- 13 The aim is for the mini competition to be published at the end of November/beginning of December with the contract awarded in January. The contract will commence as soon as possible following contract award.

Appendices

14 None

Background papers

15 None