

Record of Officer's Decision

The Openness of Local Government Bodies Regulations 2014 and the Local Authorities (Executive Arrangements) (Meetings and Access to Information) (England) Regulations 2012

Date of Decision:	21/03/2025
Decision Maker (Officer):	Lee Heley, Corporate Director, Place and Economy
Authority for Delegated Decision (Cabinet/Committee Decision or Scheme of Delegation – provide reference):	Part 3, Schedule 3 – Responsibility for Executive Functions delegated to Officers paragraph 4.3 (1) – the Corporate Director has delegated authority to discharge executive functions within their respective service areas (Part 3.38). All delegations are subject to consultation where considered appropriate in the circumstances (paragraph 4.3 (4(ii) – Part 3.39).
Identify which Portfolio Holder(s)/Committee Chairman consulted?	Cllr. Ivan Henderson, Deputy Leader & portfolio for Economic Growth, Regeneration & Tourism
Ward Member(s) consulted?	N/A
Is it a Key Decision?	No
Is it subject to call-in?	No
Decision Made:	To enter into a new contract with Colbea for Tendring's business support for 2025 to 2026. Following the completion of a Request for Quotation. The contact has a total cost of £40,000.00 plus VAT
Reason for Decision (if a report was produced to support the Decision, refer to or attach it):	On 21 st February 2025 Cabinet approved a report titled "UK Shared Prosperity Fund Transition Year 2025/26". Part of that report was to recommend the approval of £40,000.00 from the UK Shared Prosperity Fund 2025/26 to commission business support.

	Further to the above as part of that report, Cabinet delegated authority to the Portfolio Holder for Economic Growth, Regeneration and Tourism to approve the criteria for assessment of grants under the UK Shared Prosperity Fund. Link to the original report: Microsoft Word - A3 Report - UKSPF 2025-26 Interim Year
Highlight any associated risks/finance/legal/equality considerations:	Finance The allocation through SPF is external funding and therefore represents no new cost pressure. Consideration has been given to the projects beyond the funding available through SPF – i.e. how the end of such projects would reflect on TDC should they not be self-sustaining beyond this financial year, and possibly next in some cases. This will be communicated clearly to recipients upon awarding funds. Risks The Business Support will be monitored both in terms of spend and in terms of delivery of the outputs/outcomes committed to with Government when TDC received this allocation. Quarterly reports are returned to Government, in turn. Equality The project owner will be responsible for their own EQIA and subject to monitoring on this basis. Legal The contract covers all legal obligations.
Details of any Alternative Options Considered and rejected (together with reasons):	Not award the contract and have no business support for the businesses of Tendring.
Details of any declarations of interest (by Portfolio Holder/Committee Chairman who was consulted by the officer, which related to the decision) If relevant, a note of the dispensation granted by the Monitoring Officer:	N/A

Reason Decision, or supporting Report, is not published: <i>Tick one or more of the specific exemptions,</i> <u>and</u> <i>Give more information in the final box with regards to why the exemption applies and outweighs the public interest test (which is in favour of disclosure).</i>	✓	Not applicable – Decision [and report] to be published
	If Report is not to be published – tick one of the following boxes:	
		The report supporting the Decision contains confidential information
		The Report supporting the Decision falls within an exemption pursuant to Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972 Information:
		• Relates to an individual
		• Likely to reveal the identity of an individual
		• Relating to financial or business affairs of a person or organisation
		• Relates to a claim for legal professional privilege in legal proceedings
		• Reveals that the Council proposes to give under any enactment a notice under or by virtue of which requirements are imposed on a person; or to make an order or direction under any enactment
		• Relating to any action taken or to be taken in connection with the prevention, investigation or prosecution of crime
<u>And</u> is exempt if and so long, as in all the circumstances of the case, the public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighs the public interest in disclosing the information Reasons:		

Officers

Signed: Kirstin Foley

Title: Economic Growth Officer

Signed:

Lee Helay

Title: Corporate Director, Place & Economy

In consultation with:

Signed:

Title: Cllr Ivan Henderson (Concurrence approved via email dated 15/03/24) Deputy Leader of the Council, Portfolio Holder for Economic Growth, Regeneration and Tourism

Dated: