

Procurement Board meeting held via MS Teams Live

Wednesday 19th August 2020

Meeting commenced: 10:01am

Meeting ended: 10:13am

Present

Councillors Hinds (in the chair), Kelly and Merry.

In Attendance

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| Chris Hesketh | Head of Financial Management |
| Anthony Hilton | Head of Strategic Procurement |
| Perry Twigg | Urban Design Manager |
| Carol Eddleston | Democratic Services |

1. Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were submitted on behalf of City Mayor Paul Dennett.

2. Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

3. Minutes of Proceedings

The minutes of the meeting held on 5 August 2020 were approved as a correct record.

4. Matters Arising

There were no matters arising.

5. Request for Approval – Islington Mill – Appointment by Islington Mill Arts Club of the Multi-disciplinary Consultancy Team

Consideration was given to a report of the Strategic Director Place seeking approval to recommend that Islington Mill Arts Club award the contract for the appointment of a multi-disciplinary consultancy team for the Islington Mill project, subject to securing European Regional Development Fund (ERDF) funding, satisfactory financial checks and references.

It was confirmed that the appointment of the multidisciplinary team could not progress further without formal confirmation of the ERDF funding, but it was understood that this confirmation would be received in the first week of September. This was rather later than originally anticipated due to some ERDF staffing resource having been diverted onto Covid-19 related work.

The proposed contractor's accounts had been satisfactorily checked and a credit check was now underway. One of three requested references had been received so far and the other two were expected to be received shortly.

The nature of the project determined that quality required a higher weighting than price because a consultancy team needed to be selected with appropriate knowledge, skills and experience in the design and delivery of similar projects: refurbishment of historic buildings with Historic England Grade II listed status, refurbishment of buildings for use by the arts and creative sectors, and those funded from a variety of public sector grants such as Arts Council England, Heritage Lottery Fund and ERDF.

The board welcomed the proposed contractor's Social Value offer but asked that also they be encouraged to sign up to the City Mayor's Employment Standards Charter.

RESOLVED, THAT: Islington Mill Arts Club be recommended to award the contract for the appointment of a multi-disciplinary team for the Islington Mill project, subject to ERDF funding, to Counterculture Partnership LLP, subject to satisfactory financial checks and references, with a contract value of £367,705.