

Report to: Cabinet
Date of meeting: 7th October
Report of: Head of Regeneration and Development
Title: Level 2 Strategic Flood Risk Assessment

1.0 SUMMARY

- 1.1 A Level 2 Strategic Flood Risk Assessment has been contracted out to Aecom, without the need to go out for a more formal procurement stage. This is accommodated under the Council's contract procedure rules as an exception.

2.0 RECOMMENDATIONS

- 2.1 Members to note that delegated authority has granted the contract for the Level 2 SFRA to be undertaken by Aecom.

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Report approved by: *Jane Custance, Head of Regeneration and Development.*

3.0 DETAILED PROPOSAL

- 3.1 The Level 2 SFRA for Watford Borough Council will provide a complete assessment of present and future flood risk, bringing together flood risk identification and its assessment from all available sources. This will provide planners with a reference guide in partnership with the NPPF for allocating areas of development which are both appropriate for the identified flood risk area and sustainable for future generations. The proposed development locations will be assessed, and wider study area outputs will be used to assess windfall sites in that area as they come forward.

Aecom have been working closely with the Council on the Watford Health Campus site. The Level 2 SFRA proposed project programme and study cost benefits from the synergies provided by Aecom's involvement in the ongoing Watford Health Campus project.

As this work is required for the Local Plan Part 2 and has synergies with the Health Campus work, it is deemed appropriate that, rather than undertaking a full procurement process we appoint Aecom. This is accommodated under the Council's

contract procedure rules as an exception. This has been approved by the Managing Director and now to be noted by Cabinet.

3.2 Pricing

The fees and expenses of the main elements of work by Aecom total; £17,700 (excluding VAT)
Should data costs be incurred, Aecom will recharge these at cost +10% to Watford Borough Council. However, from past experience there should be no costs from the Environment Agency.

The team daily rates are the same as the 5% discounted BAFO rates agreed with the LABV for the WHC project.

4.0 IMPLICATIONS

4.1 Financial

4.1.1 The Head of Finance (Shared Services) comments that..... *Finance comments awaited.*

4.2 Legal Issues (Monitoring Officer)

4.2.1 The Head of Democracy and Governance comments that..... *Legal comments awaited.*
(NB This will take account of Human Rights issues as appropriate.)

4.3 Equalities

4.4 Potential Risks

Potential Risk	Likelihood	Impact	Overall score
N/A			

4.5 Staffing

4.5.1 Staffing required to liaise with consultants and Environment Agency will be minimal.

4.6 Accommodation

4.6.1 N/A

4.7 Community Safety

4.7.1 N/A

4.8 Sustainability

4.8.1 The sustainability benefits from the Level 2 SFRA are high. The impact from

undertaking the study will be to ensure inappropriate development does not occur within the flood plain.

Appendices

None

Background Papers

Report to Managing Director – Level 2 SFRA
Record of Officer Delegated Decision

File Reference

None