

DECISION NOTICE

(RECORDING OF DECISIONS MADE BY INDIVIDUALS)

1. Decision Summary:

Decision Maker	Date of Decision
GMCA Treasurer in Consultation with the Education Work & Skills Portfolio Lead	20.12.23
Date Decision Published	Date Decision will come into force
20.12.23	29.12.23
Subject:	
UK Shared Prosperity Fund (UKSPF): Sector Skills Programme	
Reason for urgent decision:	
N/A	

Type of Decision: Non Mayoral or Mayoral Decision Made by Officers
Non Mayoral; GMCA Treasurer and Education Work and Skills Portfolio Lead

2. Details of the Decision:

The decision is that:
<p>The aim of this programme is to offer tailored support to help people in employment to engage with the skills system, in order to gain qualifications, licences and / or skills. Provision should respond to skills gaps highlighted in the Local Skills Improvement Plan (LSIP) and be flexible and responsive to the needs and aspirations of participants.</p> <p>Previously commissioned Greater Manchester programmes for upskilling/reskilling employed individuals, such as GM Skills Bootcamps and the ESF Skills For Growth Programme have made significant progress against our priorities of responding to employer need and providing opportunities for residents to upskill/retrain into good jobs in growth industries. It is envisaged that this programme will continue to provide opportunities for employed residents to access fully funded training in some of the regions key sectors.</p> <p>Following a competitive lotted procurement process using GMCA’s Education Work and Skills Flexible Procurement System, GMCA wishes to award the following three contracts:</p> <p>Lot 2: Business Productivity Skills – Instep UK Ltd - £1,199,990</p>

Lot 3: Public Services: Health and Social Care Skills – Acorn Training - £1,199,997

Lot 4: Construction Technical Skills – SB Skills Solutions Ltd - £1,000,000

The reasons for the decisions are:

GMCA have run a lotted competitive process via the Education, Work and Skills Flexible Procurement System. In total, seven bids were received across five Lots – 3 in Lot 1: Advanced Digital Skills, 2 in Lot 2, 1 in Lot 3 and 1 in Lot 4. No bids were received for Lot 5: Manufacturing Technical Skills.

The bids received were evaluated in-line with the following criteria as stated in the original documentation:

- Quality Criteria – 70% weighting

Programme Content, Design and Delivery	20%
Evidence of Need	5%
Engagement and Stakeholder Management	10%
Mobilisation and Implementation	15%
Track Record and Quality	10%
Contract Performance Management and Monitoring	10%

- Financial Value for Money – 10%

- Social Value – 20% (10% Qualitative and 10% Quantitative)

- Pass/Fail Criteria
 - Information Governance
 - Safeguarding
 - Financial and Economic Standing
 - Price

All of the bids were sent to a full evaluation panel. Individual evaluations were undertaken on each of their Financial and Economic Standing, Information Governance and Safeguarding policies and procedures. Each of these was undertaken by a specialist from the relevant GMCA department.

A full evaluation panel individually scored the quality and financial value money section prior to moderation sessions being held.

Following evaluation and moderation, the bids were ranked in order of the overall percentage scores in each Lot. The provider identified in Lot 2 was ranked the highest ranking bidder and therefore was deemed to be the most economically advantageous tender. The bids in lots 3 and 4 both met the minimum scoring thresholds.

Alternative options considered and rejected when making the decision:

<p>List Non-confidential reports Reports to be considered that can be made available to the public</p>
<p>List Confidential reports Reports to be considered which contain confidential or exempt information</p> <p>N/A</p>

3. Conflict of Interest:

<p>Record of any conflict of interest declared by any Member who is consulted by the member or officer which related to the decision:</p>
<p>As part of the procurement process, GMCA ensured that all members of the evaluation panel and project team communicated any conflict of interests and signed declaration forms confirming that there were no conflicts of interest.</p>
<p>Dispensation granted by the Head of Paid Service in respect of any conflict of interest declared:</p>
<p>No conflicts of interests were declared.</p>

4. Register of Key Decisions:

<p>Register of Key Decisions Reference</p>	
<p>Or if not published in the Register of Key Decisions - Reasons for general or special urgency such that it was not published in the Register of Key Decisions</p>	

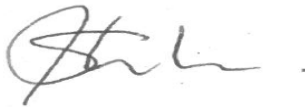
5. Scrutiny Call In:

Call-in deadline	4pm on 29.12.23
Or if Exempt from Call-in explain how any delay would seriously prejudice the legal or financial position of the GMCA or the Constituent Councils, or the interests of the residents of Greater Manchester	
Scrutiny Chair who agreed the urgency	

6. Signature of Decision Maker/s:


GMCA Treasurer

Signed:



Date: 15/12/2023

7. For delegated decisions which are to be made in consultation with others please include:

Name/s of politician/s or Officer/s who must be consulted (if any)	Consultee signature: by signing this decision notice you confirm that you have been consulted on this decision
CLlr Eamonn O'Brien	

NOTE:

Both Mayoral and Non Mayoral Decisions made by Officers will be available for public inspection at the GMCA's offices and on the GMCA's website.