

# **BRIDGEND COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCIL**

## **REPORT TO CABINET**

**6 SEPTEMBER 2016**

### **REPORT OF THE CORPORATE DIRECTOR – EDUCATION AND FAMILY SUPPORT**

#### **SCHOOL MODERNISATION: PENCOED PRIMARY SCHOOL, INVITATION TO TENDER**

##### **1. Purpose of Report**

The purpose of the report is to seek Cabinet approval to tender for the construction of the proposed new Pencoed Primary School.

##### **2. Connection to Corporate Improvement Objectives/Other Corporate Priorities**

2.1 The school modernisation programme supports the corporate priorities:

- Smarter use of resources
- Supporting a successful economy

##### **3. Background**

3.1 On the 16<sup>th</sup> September 2014 Cabinet agreed to participate and be a signatory to the South East Wales Schools Capital Procurement Framework (SEWSCAP Framework) for a four year period, commencing April 2015.

3.2 On 6<sup>th</sup> September 2016 Cabinet was requested to approve the proposal to make a regulated alteration to Pencoed Primary School, by relocating the school, including the Heol y Cyw campus, to a new build school on the site of Pencoed Primary School playing fields at Penprysg Road, Pencoed with effect from 1st April 2018.

3.3 A planning application for the new school (reference P/16/603/BCB) was submitted on 28<sup>th</sup> July 2016; it is anticipated that a decision will be made regarding the application in due course.

##### **4. Current Situation**

4.1 The tender process for the SEWSCAP Framework was undertaken and administered by Rhondda Cynon Taff County Borough Council, in conjunction with Capita Glamorgan on behalf of all participating Councils, of which Bridgend are one.

- 4.2 Due to the way in which BCBC has developed the in-house design of the Pencoed Primary scheme within the School Modernisation programme, it is necessary to use the JCT Standard Form of Contract with Quantities 2011 edition.
- 4.3 The Strategic Outline Case, which has received approval by Welsh Government, indicated that the SEWSCAP Framework would be used as the procurement route for the scheme. Rhondda Cynon Taff County Borough Council has issued an amendment notice to allow the inclusion of the JCT 2011 Standard Form of Contract with quantities contract within the framework.
- 4.4 Rhondda Cynon Taff County Borough Council is currently working to formalise the use of JCT with Quants under SEWSCAP 2 and have stated that they envisage the process will be complete in time to permit an October 2016 tender date for the Pencoed Primary scheme.

## **5. Effect upon Policy Framework & Procedure Rules**

- 5.1 This report has no effect on Policy Framework and Procedural Rules.

## **6. Equality Impact Assessment**

- 6.1 The Council's Equalities Impact Assessment Toolkit has been utilised which indicates that the proposal would have no impact on specific equality groups.

## **7. Financial Implications**

- 7.1 The cost of the tender exercise will be met from within existing resources.
- 7.2 The anticipated cost of the proposed new Pencoed Primary School will be funded by the Council and Welsh Government under the 21st Century Schools Programme for which the Authority has received Welsh Government '*approval in principle*'. The current budget for the scheme in the capital programme approved by Council is £8.8 million. However, as referred to in the reports to Cabinet and Council in May on the Capital Programme, the total scheme cost is likely to exceed that amount due to site abnormalities (e.g. construction of retaining walls and cut and fill exercises due to ground conditions/site levels, drainage works required to adequately attenuate and drain surface water into culverts) , rising construction costs and highways requirements outside of the scope of Welsh Government 21st Century Schools funding (e.g. access junction works required in order to provide a highway access to the school site which meets modern safety standards).

An application has been made to Welsh Government for additional funding towards the scheme, and an agreement "in principle" has been secured. A further report will be presented to Cabinet and Council in October to seek additional Council funding to meet the remaining shortfall in scheme costs. The tender will not be awarded until all funding sources have been secured. The total estimated budget envelope required for the entire Pencoed Scheme,

including all costs (such as furniture and equipment, fees, construction, groundworks, decant, highway works etc.) is £11.1 million.

## **8. Recommendation**

8.1 Cabinet is recommended to:

8.1.1 Approve the issue of an invitation to tender for the construction of a new Pencoed Primary School (subject to Cabinet determining to approve the implementation of the proposal to make a regulated alteration to Pencoed Primary School, obtaining appropriate planning permission in respect of the planning application and subject to Welsh Government approval of the Full Business Case).

8.1.2 Note that Cabinet will in due course receive a further report seeking Cabinet's approval for the award of the contract to the successful tenderer.

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## **Background documents**

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