

# LEAD MEMBER FOR RESOURCES AND CLIMATE CHANGE

DECISIONS made by the Lead Member for Resources and Climate Change, Councillor Nick Bennett, on 25 May 2021 at County Hall, Lewes

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## 1 DECISIONS MADE BY THE LEAD CABINET MEMBER ON 30 MARCH 2021

1.1 The Lead Member approved the minutes of the meeting held on 30 March 2021 as a correct record.

## 2 REPORTS

2.1 Reports referred to in the minutes below are contained in the minute book.

## 3 SOUTH EAST GRID NETWORK SERVICES FRAMEWORK AWARD

3.1 The Lead Member considered a report by the Chief Operating Officer.

### DECISIONS

3.2 The Lead Member RESOLVED to (1) approve the award of the South East Grid Network Services Framework Agreement and East Sussex County Council Call-Off Contract to the preferred supplier; and

(2) authorise the Chief Operating Officer to take all necessary actions in relation to the award of contracts.

### Reasons

3.3 The procurement will meet the objectives of putting in place a contract to provide the digital infrastructure required to meet the increasing demands for high speed connectivity by the County Council, its schools, and the residents and businesses of East Sussex. It will also play an enabling role and contribute towards digital inclusion and recovery of the local economy.

## 4 EXCLUSION OF PUBLIC AND PRESS

4.1 It was RESOLVED to exclude the public and press for the remaining agenda items on the grounds that if the public and press were present there would be disclosure to them of exempt information as specified in paragraph 3 of Part 1 of the Local Government Act 1972 (as amended), namely information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the authority holding that information).

## 5 SOUTH EAST GRID NETWORK SERVICES FRAMEWORK AWARD - EXEMPT INFORMATION

5.1 The Lead Member considered a report by the Chief Operating Officer which contained exempt information.

### DECISIONS

5.2 The Lead Member RESOLVED to approve the award of the South East Grid Network Services Framework Agreement and East Sussex County Council Call-Off Contract to the chosen supplier.

#### Reasons

5.3 A full EU Restricted (two stage) procurement process has been carried out and a detailed evaluation of compliant bids has been undertaken.