

Officer Decision Record Template

Record of Decision of the Executive Director of Core Services, Andrew Frostdick

Subject

The request is to commission an external provider to support Barnsley Council to set the 2030 vision and ambitions for Barnsley.

Barnsley Council's corporate plan (2017-20) set out our aims to improve outcomes for our customers and our communities, during this timeframe. In order to achieve this we have made significant changes to the way in which we deliver services and our relationship with our residents and communities has also changed.

We now need to develop a new plan and continue to build on the work we have already started. We believe that the way to do this is to establish a new vision and set of ambitions in collaboration with our partners, voluntary and business communities and, most importantly, our residents and communities.

The 2030 project will therefore require us to work with a diverse range of people in order to test current perceptions of Barnsley, to be able to tell the story of Barnsley and to identify people's ambitions for the future.

In order to undertake this activity, we are seeking to appoint an external provider who will be responsible for setting-up, designing and delivering engagement and consultation activity with key stakeholders including; elected members and members of the opposition, council employees, partner organisations, the business community and the voluntary sector. They will also help us to shape our approach to community engagement.

They will be responsible for designing an overarching engagement framework and set of partnership principles, as well as capturing the outputs from the key stakeholder workshops.

Commissioning an external provider will offer the process an independent perspective, which will allow them to remain impartial, resolving any conflicts and keeping the events and activities focussed.

Continued change and growth can only happen if we work together and this approach will enable us to ensure that we work collaboratively in order to create Barnsley's 2030 vision and ambitions.

Authority

The Chief Executive and Executive Directors respectively, are authorised to incur expenditure without specific Cabinet or Council approval up to a maximum of £250,000 in any one case where the sum(s) can be provided for within current approved estimates for the service, but only where it is in compliance with general budget and policy framework of the Council, Standing Orders, Financial Regulations and Contract Procedure Rules

Decision Taken

Authority given to tender for an external provider to undertake the above work on our behalf. The cost of the contract will be no more than £50,000

The successful provider will be commissioned to undertake the work starting in October 2019 until September 2020.


Date of Decision

7th October 2019

Elected Member Conflicts of Interest

None identified.

Signature



Andrew Frosdick

15/10/19

Signature



Cabinet Spokesperson, Councillor Gardiner

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