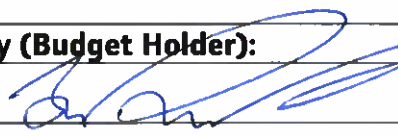


## Greater London Authority

## Single Source Request

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| <b>SUBJECT</b>                                                                                                                                                                              | 2018-2021 Future of London council-led housing forum                              |                     | <b>Date:</b> 06/08/2018                                                            |
| <b>Originating Department:</b> Housing & Land                                                                                                                                               |                                                                                   |                     | <b>Cost Centre / WBS code No:</b><br>GH.0940.006                                   |
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| <b>The Budget Holder accepts that in submitting this single source request it may be subject to challenge as "anti competitive" by an external third party under the EC Treaty of Rome.</b> |                                                                                   |                     |                                                                                    |

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| <b>Consultees/Procurement Comments</b>                                                     |  |                          |
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| <i>Single Source Request Value</i>                                                         |  | <i>PO No.</i>            |

**1 Purpose of Goods / Services**

- 1.1 This decision requests single source approval to enter into a contract worth £75k over three years (£25k per annum) from 2018 to 2021 with Future of London 2011 Limited (FoL), a not-for-profit policy network. FoL will be required to set up and run a forum to increase the capacity, skills and expertise of councils to supporting them in building new council homes. This is linked to DD2270 which requests authorisation of the spend.

**2 Background**

- 2.1 In May 2018, the Mayor launched the *Building Council Homes for Londoners* programme which aims to support councils to increase their capacity to deliver new council homes. In recognition of the fact that many councils are at different stages in establishing their delivery teams, the programme also sets out measures to support councils to increase their capacity, skills and expertise.
- 2.2 A key commitment is for the GLA to 'work with Future of London to develop a dedicated forum to share best practice, review high-level technical content,

- 3.3 FoL has experience of running housing networks, and currently has a membership that includes 27 London councils. This places them in a strong position to ensure that the programme is shaped around, and responsive to, councils' needs. In addition, their previous experience will enable them to build on their membership and reputation to attract participants and speakers. This will allow them to mobilise quickly and ensure that the forum is able to launch alongside the announcement of funding allocations as part of the *Building Council Homes for Londoners* programme in autumn 2018.
- 3.4 The alternative option of conducting an open tender for this purpose would mean a prospective supplier having to create a new forum from scratch to involve many of the same organisations that are already actively involved with FoL's other work. This would cause considerable delays to the formation of the forum and would miss the opportunity to support councils at the beginning of their council homes programme which would be particularly detrimental to those councils with little experience of council home development.
- 3.5 The GLA Contracts and Funding Code allows for a supplier to be selected without competition if they are in a position to provide a unique service that is required by the Authority and cannot otherwise be supplied by other organisations in the required timescales. Single source exemption is therefore sought by this decision.

#### **4 Reason Request has been raised after commitment (if applicable)**

Future of London were named in the Building Council Homes for Londoners prospectus which was published in May this year. FoL were named in the prospectus for the reasons outlined in 3.3. The request is being raised now, as current GLA funding for FoL's London Housing Network (which this new funding would replace) ceases in September.

#### **5 Impact on Funds**

- 5.1 Adopting the recommendation in this decision would deliver best value for money. As outlined above, given FoL's previous experience and existing membership, the costs and time to deliver would increase significantly if another organisation were selected to carry out this work as there currently are no such organisation in London with the same membership or programmes to offer.

#### **6 Recommendation(s)**

- 6.1 A single source exemption in accordance with sections 5 of the GLA Contracts and Funding Code is approved to continue the contract with FoL for the value of £75,000 to set up and run a new forum to support councils to increase capacity, skills and expertise in building new council homes.

#### **7 Disclaimer (for Budget Holder)**

I, the client, am fully aware of the requirements of the Transport for London Business Ethics policy.

I, and any other persons involved in the selection of this supplier, declare that we have no existing financial or other interests in the recommended supplier for this