

INDIVIDUAL MAYORAL DECISION – DECISION LOG 44

NEW HOMES – BRADWELL AND ASHINGTON EAST

APPENDIX 1- LOCAL ECONOMY AND COMMUNITY BENEFITS

1. Paragraphs 7.4 and 7.5 of the main report describe the community benefits and the training opportunities that will be offered resulting from the appointment of the Employer's Agent and Cost Consultant. This appendix details these benefits.
2. The community benefits from this contract will be as follows:
 - Employment and Work Support Opportunities
 - Training Opportunities
 - Assistance to Small Local Firms
 - Donations to local charities
 - Resident Engagement
 - Local Supply Chain
3. The Employer's Agent contract fits within the Decent Homes Framework. The consultants will be required to deliver benefits over and beyond the benefits they signed up to for the framework. The New Homes contract is worth £348,357. and benefits proportional to the contract value will be sought.
4. Over the duration of the contract, the consultants will provide 2 x work experience placements lasting 2 weeks each to school age young persons for each of the three years of the contract. Total: 12 weeks.
5. The consultants will make three donations of no less than £100. each to clubs, teams and training programmes over the duration of the contract. Total: £300. minimum.
6. The contract will provide 2 x Paid and 2 x Unpaid Work placements to young people unemployed for more than 6 months, capable of being cumulated.
7. A job fair will be organised as part of the New Homes project with all the consultants and contractors employed in delivering the project employers participating to set it up and to provide advice and information on careers. This fair will be organised jointly by the Employer's Agent and the contractor once appointed. The fair will highlight the professions linked to the building industry, providing information on career paths and the professional specialist expertise required in addition to the traditional trades.
8. A community event will also be held for local residents of the Longnor and Collingwood Estates, raising awareness of local health issues and nutrition advice. This event will link in with local schools and will be aimed at parents.

9. ConstructionLine is a key procurement route used by LBTH and many other Local Authorities for procuring construction related contracts below the OJEU threshold. LBTH has highlighted the low take-up of ConstructionLine among local firms. In response to this, the consultants and contractors of the New Homes project will use their expertise in assisting the LBTH Procurement Section in putting together training material and guidance for the intention of local firms. The focus of the guidance will be about how to go about preparing winning tenders and how to maximise their chances of getting selected for tender lists on ConstructionLine.
10. All consultants and contractors will be required to provide opportunities to local firms in sourcing 50% of all sub-contracts locally.
11. The Employer's Agent role will include ensuring that the works contractor delivers meaningful local economy benefits and will monitor the provision of these as part of the responsibility as Employer's Agent.