



## Operational Officer Decision Record

Where the decision has a financial value of between £100k - £350k and does not have a **significant** impact on two or more wards

**1. Subject and details of the matter** (to include reasons for the decision and detail of any previous cabinet decision)

### TARGET HARDENING

The Home Office, in June 2022, announced further Safer Streets funding to support the development of community safety programmes to reduce serious acquisitive crime in areas with high demand, linked to lower layer super output areas. The programme must be completed financially by 31-08-2023. so, 12 months to deliver a very complex programme of works.

The Council requires a Provider to install a minimum of 500 home security systems as part of the Safer Streets Project (East Marsh Grimsby) during the project timescales. The provider, on receipt of a referral will complete a full home security survey and install the appropriate target hardening equipment for the needs and vulnerabilities of the residents .

The assessment method/basis of award was via a Direct Award following an approved exception from Procurement, Legal and the relevant Director.

The tenderer who was select via Direct Award procedure was EMPOWER CIC.

The whole life contract value is £210,000.

No previous cabinet involvement.

**2. Decision being taken**

To award a direct award contract.

**3. Anticipated outcome(s)/benefits**

Award the contract of target hardening to EMPOWER CIC to deliver the home office funded project Safer Streets 4.

**4. Details of any alternative options considered and rejected by the officer when making the decision**

Alternative suppliers not available to deliver this bespoke service in this locality based on previous projects of a similar nature .EMPOWER are commissioned by the community safety partnership to deliver domestic abuse target hardening evidencing no other supplier.

**5. Background documents considered** (web link to be included or copies of documents for publishing)

None.

**6. Does the taking of the decision include consideration of Exempt information? If yes, specify the relevant paragraph of Schedule 12A and the reasons**

No.

**7. Details of any conflict of interest declared by any Cabinet Member who was consulted by the officer which relates to the decision (in respect of any declared conflict of interest, please provide a note of dispensation granted by the Council's Chief Executive)**

None identified.

**8. Monitoring Officer Comments (Monitoring Officer or nominee)**

The direct award has been approved by way of exception request, in line with the Contract Procedure Rules (CPR's), which, where permitted by the Public Contracts Regulations 2015, exceptions to the requirements of the CPR's can be actioned with clearly documented reasons. The award will ensure the funding can be utilised and the project delivered within the timescales.

### **9. Section 151 Officer Comments (Deputy S151 Officer or nominee)**

The Council received a grant award of £750,000 in respect its bid to the Safer Street 4 programme. The grant must be spent by the 31-8-2023. As part of the bid submission an amount was built in of £210,000 in respect of Target Hardening. The awarding of this contract for the value stated does not conflict with the bid submission and award made.

### **10. Human Resource Comments (Head of People and Culture or nominee)**

There are no direct HR implications.

### **11. Risk Assessment (in accordance with the Report Writing Guide)**

The contract will develop and deliver services to the residents of a lower layer super output area within the East marsh ward of North East Lincolnshire and by this will address the below risks and deliver opportunities supporting neighbourhood management and community safety.

The risks identified are as below: -

Many residents within the super output area, to be addressed in this contract, live in poverty, have high levels of unemployment, poor housing, and many health-related issues, some involving drug use. The residential properties show many faults around security by design thus making them targets for offenders of serious acquisitive crime, exploitation through cuckooing and drug misuse. These are all social / emotional risks to the life span of many residents and a risk if this project / contract were not delivered.

The contract will look to take advantage of the following opportunities:

To offer extensive and professionally delivered target hardening to all residents living in the identified area.

This by gaining consent from individual homeowners for referral into the target hardening company

For all staff working within the target hardening company to be professionally qualified, experienced and have a good understanding of safeguarding vulnerable people.

For all products of the target hardening contract to be manufactured by Home Office approved “secure by design” suppliers.

For there to be an agreed and expected performance framework to ensure quality is delivered to those residents that wish the service.

Not to award contract will result in failure to deliver this element of the project.

**12. If the decision links to a previous one taken by Cabinet, has the Cabinet Tracker been updated?**

Not applicable.

**13. Decision Maker(s):**

Name: Sharon Wroot

Title: Executive Director  
Environment ,Economy and  
Resources

Signed: REDACTED

Dated:3<sup>rd</sup> October 2022

**14. Consultation carried out with  
Portfolio Holder(s):**

Name: Cllr Ron Shepherd

Title: Portfolio Holder Safer and  
Stronger Communities

Signed: REDACTED

Dated: 3<sup>rd</sup> October 2022