



Hereford & Worcester Fire Authority

Record of an Authority decision delegated to an Officer as required under Regulation 7 of the Openness of Local Government Bodies Regulation 2014

Subject of decision	Award the contract to ProDecon for decontaminate all fire appliances (35) which carry 100L AR-FFFP Foam and dispose of the foam and refill with Fluorine Free foam. The contract is anticipated to commence in January 2023.
Officer name	Adrian Elliott
Job title	ACFO - Prevention & Assets
Date decision taken	28/10/2022
Reasons for the decision	Hereford and Worcester Fire and Rescue Service (the Authority) has tendered for a contractor to decontaminate the fire appliances in order to meet current legislation. PFAS, a combined designation for many chemical substances with carbon-fluorine compounds, have been used in fire-fighting foam for decades. A few years ago, it became clear that these substances are harmful to people and our environment. Because of this, the EU is creating rules to limit and ban the use of PFAS chemicals. Some substances in the PFAS collection, such as PFOS and PFOA, have already been banned. The EU have published in 2022 regulations for phasing out Fire Fighting containing PFAS in several steps. Therefore, The Authority has taken the required action now. From January 2023, the use of extinguishing foam including PFOA will also be prohibited for liquid fires if all released product cannot be contained or collected. From July 2025, there will be a total ban on the use of fire-fighting foam containing PFOA.
Details of decision	Following an open tender process ProDecon have been awarded the contract due to being the Most Advantageous Tender (MAT). The opportunity was published via the Bluelight EU Supply e-Tendering Portal. The total contract value £87,363 Waste £23,507 Project Management £18,900 Cleaning Solution £ 17,280

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	Foam £27,677 The tenders were evaluated based on Mandatory Questions- Pass/Fail Quality- ability to meet the Specification • Cleaning Products 30% • Documentation 5% After-sales and technical assistance • Implementation/ timeline 20% • Complaints 5% Sustainability and Social Value 5% Cost 35% One tender was received ProDecon
Details of alternative options considered and rejected (if any)	N/A
Any interests declared by a Member or Officer	N/A
Links to relevant background documents or information	N/A



Signed..... Date.....30/10/2022.....

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