

**EXECUTIVE DECISIONS TAKEN BY CABINET PORTFOLIO HOLDER  
NOTICE OF DECISION**

<b>TITLE OF DECISION: LOCAL GOVERNMENT REORGANISATION: AWARD OF FRAMEWORK CONTRACT FOR CONSULTANCY SERVICES</b>			
<b>NAME OF DECISION TAKER:</b>	<b>COUNCILLOR DR ERICA LEWIS</b>		
<b>POSITION AND RESPONSIBILITY HELD:</b>	<b>PORTFOLIO HOLDER FOR STRATEGIC INITIATIVES, PARTNERSHIPS AND EMERGENCY RESPONSES</b>		
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<b>Details of Decision:</b> To approve the award of the Local Government Reorganisation framework contract to PA Consulting, with an overall ceiling of £2m up until April 2025, subject to ongoing value for money and quality assurance for individual work packages.			
<b>Reasons for the decision:</b> Further development of the Bay proposal for Local Government Reorganisation will require a level of resource, experience and expertise beyond that which exists within the council's workforce.  A framework for services has been developed and procured collaboratively between the three Bay councils to provide transparency, security and flexibility to secure supply of services. The ceiling for the framework is £2m and the duration is until April 2025. Individual schedules of works will be delivered within the framework arrangements and will be subject to quality assurance and value for money. In procuring this support from within existing budget provision.  Cabinet Portfolio Holder authorisation is required in order to make an award of contract to the successful tenderer.			
<b>IS THE DECISION URGENT</b> <b>YES – CALL-IN HAS BEEN WAIVED ON THIS DECISION IN ORDER THAT THE FRAMEWORK CAN BE UTILISED AS SOON AS THE DECISION IS TAKEN.</b>			
<b>I CONFIRM THAT I HAVE BEEN CONSULTED ON THE ABOVE DECISION AND THAT IT IS URGENT AND REASONABLE IN ALL THE CIRCUMSTANCES. (IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 17 OF THE OVERVIEW &amp; SCRUTINY PROCEDURE RULES)</b> <b>SIGNATURE OF THE OVERVIEW &amp; SCRUTINY CHAIR: CLLR TRICIA HEATH</b>			
<b>I confirm that I have taken account of the options proposed by officers, the various implications set out in the report and the comments of the Monitoring and Section 151 Officers and am authorising the decision as set out above.</b>			
<b>SIGNATURE OF DECISION TAKER:</b>	<b>CLlr ERICA LEWIS</b>		
<b>DATE:</b>	12.4.21		
<i>THIS SECTION TO BE COMPLETED BY DEMOCRATIC SERVICES</i>			<b>REF NO.</b> ICMD12
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