

KEY DECISION NOTICE

(RECORDING OF DECISIONS MADE BY INDIVIDUALS)

1. Decision Summary:

Decision Maker Richard Paver (Treasurer)	Date of Decision <i>6 NOVEMBER 2018</i>
Date Decision Published 6 November 2018	Date Decision will come into force 13 November 2018
Subject: Greater Manchester Digital Talent Pipeline – Contract awards	

Type of Decision:			
Award of contracts for the GM Digital Talent Pipeline			
Mayoral Decision	N/A	Non Mayoral Decision Made by Officers	Yes

2. Details of the Decision:

The decision is that:
<p>Contracts for GM Digital Talent Pipeline are awarded to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Lot 1 Discovering Digital Skills to The White Room, and Lot 2 Education & Digital Industry Support Programme to Manchester Digital. <p>The White Room will deliver:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A digital activity that is rolled out across GM schools to young people in years 7-8 from Jan 2019 to December 2020 to inform, engage and activate learners to discover and develop their digital skills in preparation for options choices. Delivering further enrichment activities to continue momentum, particularly targeting Y8 girls to raise self-belief, gain additional digital and work ready skills and provide industry role models. The digital activity will also need to embed the Duke of York's inspiring Digital Enterprise Award (iDEA) and link to other GM digital skills initiatives.

Manchester Digital will deliver:

- Building connections between GM Schools, digital industry, and other key stakeholders to provide young people and their influencers with insight and inspiration about the GM digital/tech industry.
- Delivering a CPD programme to support GM Computer Science teachers
- Delivering a rich programme of digital careers insight, awareness and experience opportunities to students, teachers and key influencers.
- The project will build a sustainable digital/tech focused network of employers so that schools in future years can continue to work with industry to enhance the curriculum, deliver careers insight and provide experience of the world of work.

The reasons for the decision are:

As part of the GM Digital Strategy there was a call for the development of a Digital Talent Pipeline. The scope of this project was designed in consultation with industry and education, with the specification approved by the GM Digital Steering Group in June 2018.

Following OJEU light touch regime procurement procedures and in conjunction with GMFRS procurement;

- 4th Sept 2018 - Market Engagement Event was held with stakeholders registering an interest on The Chest
- 7th Sept - Invitation to Tender was opened on The Chest
- 8th October - Bids received
- 15th October - Evaluation panel scored, moderated and shortlisted bids
- 19th October – Shortlisted bidders presented to the evaluation panel and the highest scoring bids were clearly identified.

The successful bids clearly met the evaluation criteria and provided robust assurances on their ability to deliver the outcomes specified.

Alternative options considered and rejected when making the decision:

During the procurement process the responses of other bidders were also assessed and the quality of these bids scored below that of The White Room and Manchester Digital. The decision to award the contracts to other bidders have been rejected on these grounds.

The other alternative would be not to award the contract(s) to any bidders. This option has also been rejected as the Digital Talent Pipeline is a key deliverable of the GM Digital Strategy and the bid's received align to the specification requirements.

3. Conflict of Interest:

Record of any conflict of interest declared by any Member who is consulted by the member or officer which related to the decision:

No conflicts of interest noted by panel members whom signed a confidentiality and conflict of interest form

Dispensation granted by the Head of Paid Service in respect of any conflict of interest declared:

N/A - No conflicts of interest noted

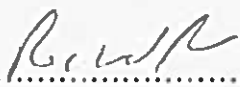
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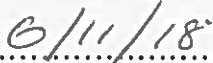
Published on the Register of Key Decisions	August 2018
Or if not published in the Register of Key Decisions - Reasons for general or special urgency such that it was not published in the Register of Key Decisions	N/A

5. Scrutiny Call In:

Call-in deadline	4pm on 13 November 2018
Or if Exempt from Call-in explain how any delay would seriously prejudice the legal or financial position of the GMCA or the Constituent Councils, or the interests of the residents of Greater Manchester	
Scrutiny Chair who agreed the urgency	

6. Signature of Decision Maker/s:

Signed: 

Date: 

7. For delegated decisions which are to be made in consultation with others please include:

Name/s of politician/s or Officer/s who must be consulted (if any)	Consultee signature: by signing this decision notice you confirm that you have been consulted on this decision
N/A	

NOTE:

Decisions made by the Mayor will also be reported to the GMCA at its next meeting (except where the decision concerned was taken openly by the Mayor while sitting within a formal meeting of the GMCA).

Non Mayoral Decisions made by Officers will be available for public inspection at the GMCA's offices and on the GMCA's website.