

Procurement Timeline – Update

Over the past few weeks, the AEB team have been working closely with their Procurement Team. Having discussed in detail and taken good advice from the Procurement Team, we have decided to issue our SSQ (Standard Selection Questionnaire) and ITT (Invitation to Tender) in unison.

The decision means that the procurement process will follow a one stage process rather than a two-stage process and will also allow us to engage with the market between now and late December; a second Market Engagement Workshop is being arranged.

By taking this decision there will be some minor amendments to the procurement process timeline initially published in our Early Engagement Notice and as presented at our Market Engagement Workshop, however we will still be committed to awarding contracts in April 2019.

We now intend to publish our SSQ and ITT on Wednesday 2 January 2019, following which will be a 38-day tendering period, closing on Friday 8 February 2019.

Evaluation of all SSQ's and ITT's will take place in February/March with contracts being awarded in early April.

- **Second Market Engagement Workshop** - Early December 2018
- **Standard Selection Questionnaire and Invitation to Tender issued** - Early January 2019
- **SSQ and ITT deadline submission date** - Early February 2019
- **Evaluation of tender submission** - February/March 2019
- **Contract award date** - Early April 2019
- **Full AEB devolution** - August 2019

Should you have any questions about the procurement process please contact us on AEBDevolution@cambridgeshirepeterborough-ca.gov.uk