**Clarification Questions – RFQ Climate change strategy for North Northamptonshire**

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Q. The request for quotation asks to deliver a launch event for the climate change strategy. Could you please expand on your expectations of the scale of the event? For example, would a venue, food, event branding be expected and if so, can you confirm whether these costs would be included in the £24,000 budget?

*The launch event would not involve significant costs, and could be virtual targeting media and key stakeholders, but should be included in cost assumptions. It is expected that the event would be linked to engagement on a draft strategy.*

Q. We see that NNC has published a carbon management plan, which covers the council’s business impacts of carbon emissions and a goal of achieving carbon neutrality by 2030. Is the new Climate Change Strategy to focus strictly on the external/influencer activities of the council (and its stakeholder/partners)?

*Yes, the main focus of the strategy is on the external/influencer activities of the council, but inevitably it would also inform updates to the CMP and related activities and actions.*

Q. If the project is to focus on the external/influencer role of the council, how do you envision existing plans relating to the development of the new Climate Change Strategy and Action Plans – thinking specifically of the overlap for topics of transport (highways), energy (buildings), resources and waste (waste and recycling)?

*Some actions will be for the council to lead on, but many of these will rely on businesses, residents and other stakeholders. It is expected that the Action Plans should indicate who the key stakeholders are and their respective roles.*

Q. Is your 2050 target for the whole of the council’s geography, and 2030 is for the internal business element of the council?

*That’s correct. The strategy looks ahead to 2050, but a key focus is 2030 and the need for immediate action mindful of the council’s 2030 target and the scale of the challenge involved in meeting the 2050 Net Zero goal for the wider geography.*

Q. Regarding scope 2.3 “engagement and consultation with key stakeholders”, this can require significant time, do you have a sense of the depth of engagement you require – number of stakeholders, number of events or interviews leading up to consultation, and any consultation events expected to be supported?

*We are not prescribing in detail the engagement necessary, although we would expect it to include key stakeholders and an open public stage. Stakeholder engagement should enable access to helpful background work, including reports produced by the council. The public consultation on a draft strategy should be for a minimum of four weeks. A short report of consultation should be produced which summarises the process and results. This would be publicly available with the final strategy. The council should also have access to all the comments received.*

Q. Finally, from a governance perspective, is there a climate team that will be guiding and delivering the strategy?

*A Sustainability team is being created by NNC which will be able to take on delivery of the strategy in collaboration with others. The council will establish a small steering group to work with the successful consultants.*

Q. Please could you confirm if you are expecting carbon emission modelling to be done to 2030, 2040, or 2050, or just to 2030 with recommendations provided for future years?

*Modelling is expected to 2050.*

Q. Would you be open to considering any additional scope of works at all?

*All future opportunities will be advertised in the normal way through Contracts Finder.*

Q. could I also ask if you would be open to discussing amendments to the terms and conditions of contract? In particular, including a limit on liability of £1m. The second would be changing the contract to a Services only contract and by doing so removing fitness for purpose obligations of providing Goods?

*Detailed comments on the terms and conditions in the contract will be considered on an individual basis once scoring has been completed.*