## **Briefing Note to Scrutiny Committee on 14 November 2018**

## Part 1

1. Only one bidder came forward from the mini-tender so therefore there was no real competitive tender

## Response:

The tender was a mini-competition from 12 providers under the Crown Commercial Services Framework RM3816 'Estates Professional Services'.

Tenderers were approached prior to tender and were interested in the tender.

The tender was compliant under CPR 4.1 regarding framework call-offs. All 12 tenderers were given an opportunity to tender, therefore there was a competitive tender.

This is a Crown Commercial Services Framework which was advertised under the OJEU procedure and all providers on the framework underwent a competitive tender process to join the framework which offers the facility of a direct call-off as the rates have already been competitively tendered.

Tenderers were approached subsequently and provided various reasons for not tendering including the following: inadequate resources; not considered commercially viable to participate in another procurement exercise.