

Reason why decision is being called in:

- The decision fails to explain why the decision was taken so late to continue with Trowers when the original contract expired on 4th March 2019?
- The report states that the Procurement and Commissioning Board approved the procurement and the use of the CCS Framework in August 2018 yet it took 8 months for this decision in the end to be signed off. The report does not offer any explanation as to why it took 8 months to award this contract when using a framework should be quicker than via OJEU.
- The report states that this decision represents best value. How has best value been assessed? Has this been benchmarked against other legal providers?
- Why does the report not explain the reasons why we are paying via an hourly rate system rather than a capped fee for services required?