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Contract

Provision of legal advice for Reviving Exmoor's Heartlands Landscape Recovery Project

Exmoor National Park Authority

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Scope

Reference

ENPA0020-25

Description

Reviving Exmoor's Heartlands is part of Defra's Landscape Recovery scheme, aiming to support long-term, large-scale restoration of England's most precious habitats. The Reviving Exmoor's Heartlands (REH) project is a round 2 Landscape Recovery project that has been approved for a two year development phase, which started in April 2024.

The project aims to restore Exmoor's central moorlands to a thriving ecological state with good habitat connectivity to the wider landscape, supported by viable farming. The project area spans approximately 12,000 hectares made up of a cluster of over 20 upland farms and moorland landholdings including large areas of common land, supporting mainly extensive beef and sheep enterprises.

The provision of this contract is for:

Advise on Legal Structure and Governance

- Evaluate and compare options for suitable legal entity structures aligned with the project goals (e.g. CIC, CIO, LLP, BenCom).
- Present clear and actionable advice to the project steering group and participants via an evening workshop to make a final decision on the legal form and governance arrangements.
- Draft a fit-for-purpose governance structure and plan for the selected SLE model compliant with HM Treasury's Managing Public Money principles.

Draft and Review Legal Agreements

- Draft and advise on:
 - Agreements between the SLE and land managers/commoners associations.
 - Implementation agreement with Natural England.
 - Contracts with private investors and partners.
- Identify and evaluate legal tools to safeguard environmental outcomes (e.g. conservation covenants, land trusts).
- Ensure agreements:
 - Provide long-term environmental and legal security.
 - Address enforcement, flexibility, and succession planning for land ownership.

Conduct Land & Title Due Diligence

- Review land ownership titles for risks, rights, or restrictions.
- Complete due diligence letters to be submitted to Natural England before contract signing.
- Identify and propose resolutions for any legal impediments to delivery.

Statutory Consents and Risk Management

- Identify required statutory consents, permits, or licenses.

- Highlight legal risks and develop mitigation strategies.
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Contract 1

Supplier

- DAVITT JONES BOULD LIMITED

Contract value

- £45,000 excluding VAT
- £54,000 including VAT

Below the relevant threshold

Date signed

6 October 2025

Contract dates

- 7 October 2025 to 31 March 2026
- Possible extension to 30 September 2026
- 11 months, 25 days

Description of possible extension:

2 x 3 months at the discretion of the Authority.

Main procurement category

Services

CPV classifications

- 79110000 - Legal advisory and representation services

Contract locations

- UKK23 - Somerset
- UKK4 - Devon

Procedure

Procedure type

Below threshold - open competition

Supplier

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Small or medium-sized enterprise (SME): Yes

Voluntary, community or social enterprise (VCSE): No

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Contracting authority

Exmoor National Park Authority

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Organisation type: Public authority - sub-central government