



RECORD OF DECISION TAKEN UNDER DELEGATED POWERS OUTLINED IN THE CONSTITUTION – Part 3 Section 16

DELEGATED OFFICER DECISION TAKEN BY: Martin Eden
PORTFOLIO AREA: Growth and Development

SUBJECT:

To approve the award of contract for the provision of capital structural carriageway surfacing on the following four schemes - Duke Street, Tockholes Road, Whalley New Road and Yew Tree Drive.

1. DECISION

Award to J. Hopkins Ltd as the lowest price bid received

2. REASON FOR DECISION

A competitive tendering exercise has been undertaken with the award based only on the lowest price, having invited all five contractors on Bolton Council's Highways Framework to take part. Quality has already been assessed by Bolton to enable the contractors to be appointed to the framework and so the evaluation was based on a bill of quantities for each scheme. The lowest overall price across the four schemes gained full marks.

3. BACKGROUND

The four roads listed above (or sections of) have been identified, using asset management processes, as requiring extensive carriageway surface repair works to provide a consistent durable surface with adequate skid resistance. The works will involve removing existing surface courses and inlaying a new road surface.

Having used the Bolton Framework for the carriageway maintenance programme last year, the anticipated benefits of an efficient route to market with quality approved experienced contractors was realised. The Bolton Framework has therefore been used again in 2021.

The price bids were evaluated by the Highways service and then spot checked by the Procurement team.

The works are expected to take place during August and September and when traffic volumes are historically lower to reduce the disruption to traffic when traffic management measures are in place.

4. KEY ISSUES AND RISKS

Contract award is delayed leading to the works programme being extended in to the new school term time. This could mean additional traffic disruption due to increased volumes of traffic using the local network when roads are closed to facilitate the works.

5. OPTIONS CONSIDERED AND REJECTED

Conduct an open tender advertised through FTS. The option was rejected due to the lengthening timescales which would have taken the implementation process into Autumn months, when schools return increasing the disruption to traffic flows. During autumn the works would also be subject to wet and colder weather and with daylight hours reduced, the potential for delay and disruption is increased.

The existing framework has already enlisted the main economic operators in the local market with the capability to meet the specification.

Further information is available via the following link [] or from the report author

6. DECLARATION OF INTEREST

All Declarations of Interest of the officer with delegation and the any Member who has been consulted, and note of any dispensation granted should be recorded below:

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DATE:	7/7/2021
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BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS:	N/A
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Director: Martin Eden	Date: 8 July 2021
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