



# EXECUTIVE MEMBER DECISION

<b>REPORT OF:</b>	Executive Member for Growth and Development
<b>LEAD OFFICERS:</b>	Strategic Director of Environment & Operations
<b>DATE:</b>	15 September 2023

**PORTFOLIO/S AFFECTED:** Growth and Development

**WARD/S AFFECTED:** (All Wards);

**SUBJECT: Contract Award - Carriageway Inlay Project via BwDBC Surfacing and Civils Framework**

## 1. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Using lot 1 of the Surfacing and Civils Framework, a mini-competition was published on The Chest inviting all three available contractors to bid for the works contract. All three contractors submitted compliant bids and based on the evaluation criteria of 100% price, Aggregate Industries UK Ltd are in first place with a total price of £298,291.92. The tender returns were deemed to be very competitively priced and it is therefore, suggested that the works contract is awarded to Aggregate Industries UK Ltd.

## 2. RECOMMENDATIONS

It is recommended that the Executive Member approves the award of the Carriageway Inlay Project Contract to Aggregate Industries UK Ltd through the BwDBC Surfacing and Civils Framework.

## 3. BACKGROUND

In May 2023 the Council established a Surfacing and Civils Framework that consisted of 4 lots with up to 3 contractors per lot. A breakdown of the lot structure and the suppliers on each lot is below.

Lot 1 - Surfacing:

- Tarmac Trading Limited
- Bethell Construction Limited
- Aggregate Industries UK Ltd

Lot 2 - Civils:

- Bethell Construction Limited
- Multevo Ltd
- A E Yates Ltd

Lot 3 - Surface Dressing:

- Road Maintenance Services Ltd

#### Lot 4 - Specialist Surface Treatments:

- Road Maintenance Services Ltd
- Colas Ltd

Every works package that is available through the Surfacing and Civils Framework is sent to all available contractors on the applicable lot via The Chest e-tendering system. This gives every contractor an opportunity to bid through a further competition exercise and ensures BwDBC are achieving value for money.

The evaluation criteria used to create the Surfacing and Civils framework had a focus on quality to ensure the most competent contractors were selected. The evaluation criteria used is set out below:

- Quality 60%
- Price 25%
- Social Value 15%

Due to the focus on quality when constructing the framework and satisfaction that the highest quality contractors have been selected for each lot, the evaluation criteria used for this particular works package was 100% price. This ensures that the contractors are focussed on submitting their most competitive price and ultimately, delivering the best value for money for BwDBC.

This Scheme will cover the resurfacing of highways on:

- A666 Darwen Town Centre (near Cochran Street), Darwen;
- Audley Range, Blackburn;
- Harrison Street, Blackburn;
- Preston Old Road, Blackburn.

And will encompass the following works:

- Carriageway inlay resurfacing;
- Adjustment and/or replacement of ironwork;
- Replacement of road markings;
- Liaison with stakeholders and the public;
- Traffic management.

The Works are envisaged to commence on 18<sup>th</sup> September 2023 with Completion of the works by 19<sup>th</sup> November 2023.

#### **4. KEY ISSUES & RISKS**

The Highways Team identified an extremely low rate for one particular item within the Bill of Quantities submitted by Aggregate Industries UK Ltd as part of their tender return. This risk was identified and subsequently, the Council have communicated with the Aggregate Industries UK Ltd via The Chest, who have clarified that they stand by their original submission and can hold the rate.

#### **5. POLICY IMPLICATIONS**

No policy implications.

## 6. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

No major financial implications, the cost of the project will be met from within existing budgets.

The price for this works package will be fixed for the duration of the scheme.

The price submitted by Aggregate Industries UK Ltd, £298,291.92 is within the budget for this project.

## 7. LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

No major legal implications, the procurement process was conducted in accordance with the Council's Contract and Procurement Procedure rules and the Public Procurement Regulations.

The contract will be in a form approved by legal officers.

## 8. RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

No major resource implications, officers from the Contracts and Procurement Team and the Highways Team required to construct the contract documents and communicate with the successful contractor to effectively initiate and manage the scheme.

## 9. EQUALITY AND HEALTH IMPLICATIONS

**Please select one of the options below. Where appropriate please include the hyperlink to the EIA.**

Option 1  Equality Impact Assessment (EIA) not required – the EIA checklist has been completed.

Option 2  In determining this matter the Executive Member needs to consider the EIA associated with this item in advance of making the decision. *(insert EIA link here)*

Option 3  In determining this matter the Executive Board Members need to consider the EIA associated with this item in advance of making the decision. *(insert EIA attachment)*

## 10. CONSULTATIONS

None.

## 11. STATEMENT OF COMPLIANCE

The recommendations are made further to advice from the Monitoring Officer and the Section 151 Officer has confirmed that they do not incur unlawful expenditure. They are also compliant with equality legislation and an equality analysis and impact assessment has been considered. The recommendations reflect the core principles of good governance set out in the Council's Code of Corporate Governance.

## 12. DECLARATION OF INTEREST

All Declarations of Interest of any Executive Member consulted and note of any dispensation granted by the Chief Executive will be recorded and published if applicable.

**VERSION:** 1

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**BACKGROUND  
PAPER:** N/A