



EXECUTIVE MEMBER DECISION

REPORT OF:	Executive Member for Growth and Development
LEAD OFFICERS:	Strategic Director of Environment & Operations
DATE:	05 January 2024

PORTFOLIO/S AFFECTED:	Growth and Development
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SUBJECT: Highway Structure Maintenance Framework 2023-2026

Proposed Framework for the delivery of Highway Structure Maintenance Schemes for 2023-2026.

1. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The Council has procured a list of suitably qualified and experienced contractors for inclusion in a framework of contractors to be invited to tender for highway structure maintenance schemes for the 2023-2026 period.

This framework will facilitate the efficient procurement of maintenance works for highway structure assets using established and pre-quality approved contractors to provide works at competitive prices.

2. RECOMMENDATIONS

That the Executive Member:

Approves the proposed framework of contractors for the delivery of bridgeworks and highway structure maintenance schemes for the 2023-2026 period.

Approves the use of the framework and its listed contractors for the future procurement of works via either a mini competition or direct call off exercise and delegate the authority to Procurement and Commercial team to award under the framework, each individual tender following a mini competition.

3. BACKGROUND

The Framework is designed to provide a wide range of high-quality services delivered by suitably qualified and experienced contractors. All appointed contractors must be registered and qualified organisations.

Upon implementation of the Framework, contractors will be asked to price for and deliver works in accordance with details set out in the Framework documents through invitation to participate in either a mini competition or direct call-off exercise.

Upon agreement, the Framework will be established to operate for two years, with the option to extend for further periods of one year up to a maximum of two years.

The Framework is split into two Lots to provide the most economically advantageous way of procuring

works, offering opportunities for small local enterprises and larger corporate organisations alike to give us a broad and innovative supply base to provide value for money on schemes of varying size, complexity and overall value.

Lot one includes minor maintenance works up to a value of £80k with Lot two being for larger and more complex schemes with a value over £80k

The Framework was advertised as an open opportunity on the CHEST as a single stage process. Contractors were asked if they would like to be included for Lot one, Lot two or both Lots inclusively.

Included was a list of scored quality questions and references relating to the delivery of this and similar schemes in the form of Method Statements and Social Value criteria with carbon reduction featuring as part of the quality questions.

Lot 1 required contractors to score a minimum of 14 for quality out of a maximum of 28 with a pass/fail score for social value.

Lot 2 contractors must have passed all the requirements under Lot 1 and score 2 or above for the additional quality question demonstrating having experience of higher value works

Social Value will be evaluated on a Project by Project basis through the Mini Competition tendering process.

All tenders were evaluated and scored against the criteria approved by the Council. In total Twelve responses were received, the details of which, along with the relevant scores are outlined in the tables below for Lots one and two respectively:

Lot One up to £80k

Criteria	Scoring %	AE Yates	AJ Bretherton	BDB Special projects	Bethell Group	Cheetham Hill	Coating Services	Craftsman Restoration	JDR Construction	NEOM Engineering	Sancus	Volker Laser	Eric Wright
Quality	score of 14 or above	23.00	22.00	20.00	22.00	20.00	21.00	20.00	20.00	21.00	19.00	22.00	22.00
Social Value	Pass/Fail	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass
Total score %		23.00	22.00	20.00	22.00	20.00	21.00	20.00	20.00	21.00	19.00	22.00	22.00
		PASS	PASS	PASS	PASS	PASS	PASS	PASS	PASS	PASS	PASS	PASS	N/A

* Eric Wright not applied for Lot 1

Lot Two over £80k

Criteria	Scoring %	AJ Bretherton	BDB Special Projects	Bethell Group Plc	Cheetham Hill Construction	Coating Services Ltd	Craftsman Restoration Ltd	Eric Wright	Neom Engineering	Volker Laser
Quality	2 or above	3.00	3.00	3.00	3.00	3.00	3.00	3.00	3.00	3.00
Total score %		3.00	3.00	3.00	3.00	3.00	3.00	3.00	3.00	3.00
		3.00	3.00	3.00	3.00	3.00	3.00	3.00	3.00	3.00
		Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass

It is therefore the intention to award places on the Framework contract to the contractors listed below:

Lot One:

AE Yates
AJ Bretherton Groundwork & Plant Hire
BDB Special projects
Bethell Group Ltd.
Cheetham Hill Construction
Coating Services
Craftsman Restoration
JDR Construction
Neom Engineering
Sancus
Volker Laser

Lot Two:

AJ Bretherton Groundwork & Plant Hire
BDB Special projects
Bethell Group Ltd
Cheetham Hill Construction
Coating Services Ltd
Craftsman Restoration Ltd
Eric Wright
Neom Engineering
Volker Laser

4. KEY ISSUES & RISKS

There is currently no specific highway structures framework or contract in place. We are currently relying on external frameworks which are not entirely suitable and do not include enough local, highway structures contractors. We also have little control over the terms and conditions of these contracts which are already pre-set.

Relying on these contracts often leads to the use of large contractors who are based some distance away, resulting in inflated prices as the contractors on the frameworks have large preliminary and set up costs to undertake relatively small works and schemes. The larger contractors on these frameworks often sub-let the contract upon award to one of their sub-contractors who may not be suitable for us, which represents a lack of control for the Council as the client.

Relying on procuring each scheme individually through an open tender process currently provides the most cost effective option however, this requires a large input from officers in highways and procurement and a lengthy tender and appointment period with each scheme requiring its own evaluation and qualification process and is an inefficient use of our resources.

The introduction of this framework would give greater control over our terms and conditions, it would enable the Council to employ more local and suitable contractors and workforce with the pre-evaluated skill sets we require. It would greatly reduce the officer input into procuring schemes and would provide greater efficiency and overall value for money

5. POLICY IMPLICATIONS

None

6. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Estimated contract value of up to £700k per year with funding from the LTP programme for Bridgeworks and Highway Structures maintenance.

Each scheme will be priced via a mini competition or tender and analysed on an individual basis to demonstrate the best value for money.

It is anticipated 20% of the projects will be over the threshold of £80k. The remaining projects will be made up of multiple lower value contracts.

7. LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

Any resulting works will be advertised through the CHEST as a mini competition or tender advertised on FTS in line with the Public Contracts Regulations 2015. The Procurement process will be managed by the Procurement Team.

8. RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

None

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.

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