



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

DELEGATED OFFICER DECISION TAKEN BY: PORTFOLIO AREA:

Martin Kelly, Director of Growth & Development

Regeneration

SUBJECT: Victoria Street Northgate Link Road Carriageway Surfacing

1. DECISION

That Blackburn with Darwen Borough Council enters into a contract with J Hopkins (Contractors) Ltd for the provision of carriageway surfacing on the Victoria Street Northgate Link Road, Blackburn.

2. REASON FOR DECISION

The Council is currently undertaking works to open up traffic around Northgate, Blackburn town centre. As part of this process there is a need for new carriageway surfacing and an external contractor is required to carry out the work.

Therefore a formal tender exercise has been carried out to appoint a suitable contractor. The opportunity was advertised on Contracts Finder and on the Council's e-tendering portal –The Chest. The evaluation was based on 70% price and 30% quality. The Council received bids from seven companies and following a detailed evaluation of the submissions, J Hopkins scored the highest combined quality/price with an overall score of 87.50%. Approval is sought to award the contract to J Hopkins (Contractors) Ltd.

3. BACKGROUND

Blackburn with Darwen Council has been successful in its bid to open up streets around King George's Hall to boost business and entertainment in the area, with the bid to the Department for Transport's National Productivity Investment Fund being approved.

The £2.9 million project aims to open up Northgate to through traffic at Sudell Cross to improve access to King George's Hall and the new Reel Cinema development, as well as give direct access from Barbara Castle Way onto Tontine Street (one way direction changed) to provide easier access to local businesses and King Georges Hall. Pedestrian facilities between the Town Centre and the Whalley Range area will also be significantly improved.

The project will remove vehicle congestion and conflicts, improve movement and access to significant new development sites, addressing issues which have been raised in previous consultations on Blackburn Town Centre.

The programme of works will be completed in seven phases over the next 12 months. During the seven phases of this project there will be a requirement for new carriageway surfacing and as a result a tendering exercise has been undertaken to identify a suitable contractor.

4. OPTIONS CONSIDERED AND REJECTED

Other options considered and rejected:

- 1) Using an existing framework contract. This was rejected because the framework contracts available to the Council were only for the supply of asphalt. The Council requirement for this project is for the supply and lay of asphalt.
- 2) Undertaking the work in-house. However this was rejected because all of the carriageway surfacing is machine laid and the in-house team are not set up for operations such as this.

5. 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:

VERSION: 1

CONTACT OFFICER: Chris Aston and Les Smith

DATE: 8th May 2019

BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS: N/A

Signed:



Martin Kelly, Director of Growth & Development

Date:

16/5/2019