



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

DELEGATED OFFICER DECISION TAKEN BY: Martin Eden
PORTFOLIO AREA: Regeneration

SUBJECT: Supply of Bituminous Materials

1. DECISION

To approve the award of a contract to Tarmac Trading Ltd for the supply of bituminous materials.

2. REASON FOR DECISION

The Council does not currently have a contract in place for bituminous materials. The materials have been purchased on an ad hoc basis without any long term certainty on price. Therefore, a tendering exercise was undertaken to put a formal contract in place. The tender opportunity was advertised widely however only one bid was submitted.

Although only one tender was received, the prices submitted are significantly lower than those the Council has been paying. In addition, the prices are fixed for a minimum of 12 months. Therefore using this supplier will achieve product quality and value for money. The supplier will also be contracting on the Council's terms and conditions.

3. BACKGROUND

The Council has mainly purchased bituminous materials from the Aggregate Industries plant in Darwen on an ad-hoc basis. More recently, the Council has also used Tarmac Trading at Clitheroe because of a significant price difference. The current arrangements did not provide value for money and as a result, the Council decided to tender a two year contract with an option to extend for a further 2 x 12 months.

The tender opportunity was advertised on The Chest (The Council's online tendering portal), Contracts Finder and the Official Journal of the European Union. Bids were to be submitted through the Chest by 13th January 2020.

Whilst a number of companies viewed the documents Tarmac Trading Ltd submitted the only tender. The tender was evaluated against criteria described in the documents and pricing was assessed against current costs by the Council's Contracts and Procurement Team.

Supply of materials via this tender could commence on 1st March 2020.

The contract include options for supply of materials to construction sites and the collection of materials from Tarmac Trading's coating plants.

4. OPTIONS CONSIDERED AND REJECTED

- Use an existing framework agreement. A suitable agreement could not be identified and therefore this option was rejected.
- Continue with the existing arrangements. This was rejected because the current ad-hoc arrangements did not offer value for money.
- Re-advertise the supply opportunity. This was rejected because all potential suppliers were contacted both prior and during the tender period and Tarmac Trading were the only company to submit a bid. Re-advertising the opportunity is highly unlikely to attract any new bidders.

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:

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CONTACT OFFICER:	Matthew Joyce
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DATE:	31 st January 2020
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BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS:	
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Signed: 

Director: Martin Eden	Date: 28 February 2020
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