

Report to the Chief Officer (Highways and Transportation)

Date: 9 December 2014

Subject: West Yorkshire Highway Drainage Maintenance Contract – Authority to use

Are specific electoral Wards affected? If relevant, name(s) of Ward(s):	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
Are there implications for equality and diversity and cohesion and integration?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
Is the decision eligible for Call-In?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
Does the report contain confidential or exempt information? If relevant, Access to Information Procedure Rule number: Appendix number:	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No

Summary of main issues

1. As part of collaborative working across West Yorkshire, Kirklees Council are currently undertaking a tendering process for a Highway Drainage Maintenance Contract.
2. This report seeks permission for Leeds City Council to be able to use the West Yorkshire Highway Drainage Maintenance Contract once the tendering exercise is completed.

Recommendations

3. The Chief Officer Highways and Transportation is requested to authorise the use of the West Yorkshire Highway Drainage Maintenance Contract as from 1 February 2015.

1 Purpose of this report

- 1.1 To grant permission to use the West Yorkshire Highway Drainage Maintenance Contract as from 1 February 2015.

2 Background information

- 2.1 The Highway Drainage Maintenance Contract is used to instruct Contractors with respect to the cleansing and jetting of highway drains together with minor drain repairs.

3 Main issues

- 3.1 As part of collaborative working within West Yorkshire Kirklees are currently undertaking a tender exercise to establish a Highway Drainage Maintenance Contract to serve the needs of all the West Yorkshire Districts.
- 3.2 Tenders have been invited and are due to be returned on the 15th December 2014 with a proposed contract start date of 1 February 2015.
- 3.3 Kirklees Council are ensuring that the procurement is being carried out in accordance with their Contract Procurement Rules, the Public Contract Regulations and that the framework will be available for Leeds to use.
- 3.4 The Contract is for a period of 4 years and will be awarded to a minimum of 3 Contractors on a no guarantee of work basis.

4 Corporate Considerations

4.1 Consultation and Engagement

- 4.1.1 The service users across the five West Yorkshire Districts were consulted prior to the tendering process.

4.2 Equality and Diversity / Cohesion and Integration

- 4.2.1 Equality, Diversity, Cohesion and Integration Screening has been carried out by Kirklees Council as part of their tender procedures.

4.3 Council policies and City Priorities

- 4.3.1 The use of this contract is in accordance with the Council's procurement policies.

4.4 Resources and value for money

- 4.4.1 Kirklees are undertaking a competitive tender exercise and the Contractors selected for the framework will offer best value.

4.5 Legal Implications, Access to Information and Call In

- 4.5.1 The value of the contract is estimated to be in excess of £250,000 and as a Key Decision is subject to call-in.

4.6 Risk Management

- 4.6.1 Not approving the use of the West Yorkshire Contract would mean Leeds would have to procure a separate contract with resultant costs.

5 Conclusions

- 5.1 The participation in this Contract is an efficient use of Council resources and will provide a cost effective method of procuring these essential drainage works.

6 Recommendations

6.1 The Chief Officer (Highways and Transportation) is asked to authorise the use of the West Yorkshire Highway Drainage Maintenance Contract as from 1 February 2015.

7 Background documents¹

7.1 None

¹ The background documents listed in this section are available to download from the Council's website, unless they contain confidential or exempt information. The list of background documents does not include published works.