

Report to Extend the Yorkshire Highway Alliance Supply of Winter Road Surface Treatments & Sundries to 2025

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Report to: Chief Officer, Highways and Transportation

Will the decision be open for call in? Yes No

Does the report contain confidential or exempt information? Yes No

Brief summary

This report seeks approval from the Chief Officer (Highways & Transportation) to extend the Yorkshire Highway Alliance Supply of Winter Road Surface Treatments & Sundries contract for a further 12 months to 2025. This is the first of two available extensions.

The incumbent contractors have been given the opportunity to revise their costs for the services offered; this is in line with the Consumer Price Index which equates to a maximum increase of 4%.

If approved, the extension will start from 1st April 2024 for a 12-month period with the incumbent contractors; Compass Minerals, ICL UK, Safecote and Winter Service Solutions.

This extension will allow us to keep using the compliant contractors we procured at the first time of tendering under the same terms and conditions. Retendering is not expected to bring any further savings and would incur costs associated with a new tender process.

Recommendations

- a) This report seeks approval from the Chief Officer (Highways & Transportation) to extend the Yorkshire Highway Alliance Supply of Winter Road Surface Treatments & Sundries contract for a further 12 months to 2025. This is in accordance with Contract Procedure Rule 21.
- b) The incumbent contractors have been given the opportunity to revise their costs for the services offered; this is in line with the Consumer Price Index which equates to a maximum increase of 4%.
- c) The estimated spend on the contract is £100,000.00 per year.

What is this report about?

- 1 This report seeks approval from the Chief Officer (Highways & Transportation) to extend the Yorkshire Highway Alliance Supply of Winter Road Surface Treatments & Sundries contract for a further 12 months to 2025. This is in accordance with Contract Procedure Rule 21.
- 2 The Winter Road Surface Treatments & Sundries contract has proven to be an ideal method for Highways and Transportation to treat roads, cycle lanes and pedestrian walkways with rock salt

and de-icer in the winter months to prevent accidents and ensure the movement of traffic throughout the city.

- 3 A continued supply of surface treatments and associated sundries is vital to the safety of road users and pedestrians.
- 4 The contract was originally awarded in 2022 for a 2 year period. Under Clause 80, we have the option to extend the contract for 2x 12 month periods, bringing the total contract length to 4 years.
- 5 The incumbent contractors have been given the opportunity to revise their costs for the services offered; this is in line with the Consumer Price Index which equates to a maximum increase of 4%.
- 6 The proposed extension will allow us to keep using the compliant contractors we procured at the first time of tendering under the same terms and conditions. Retendering is not expected to bring further savings and would incur costs associated with a new tender process.
- 7 The estimated spend on the contract is £100,000.00 per year.

What impact will this proposal have?

- 8 The proposals requested in this report have no direct impact on any of the equality characteristics as it is purely an administrative function and therefore it is not applicable to carry out an equality, diversity, cohesion and integration screening at this time.
- 9 During the original tender of this Contract it was also considered not applicable for an equality, diversity, cohesion and integration screening assessment to be undertaken.

How does this proposal impact the three pillars of the Best City Ambition?

Health and Wellbeing

Inclusive Growth

Zero Carbon

- 10 Delivery of some element of social value is now a mandatory requirement to arise from all contracts unless there are exceptional circumstances for it to be excluded. The Council's social values are based on the national TOM's (Themes, Outcomes and Measures) and have been adapted to reflect the requirements of this tender. This includes the Council's commitment to make Leeds carbon neutral by 2030.
- 11 The safety of road users and pedestrians is paramount. Providing a safe highway is integral to building Sustainable Infrastructure as part of the Best City Ambition.
- 12 The continued maintenance of effective safety measures throughout the city's highway network promotes active travel, therefore supporting health and wellbeing and zero carbon ambitions.
- 13 Ready access to treatments and materials required to make safe the highway and pedestrian walkways ensures that residents, visitors and commuters can continue to progress around the city in a safe and timely manner.

What consultation and engagement has taken place?

Wards affected:

Have ward members been consulted?

Yes

No

- 14 Consultation has taken place with colleagues within the department who have confirmed their need for the contract to continue.

What are the resource implications?

- 15 It has been considered and confirmed that appropriate funding provision is available.

What are the key risks and how are they being managed?

16 This contract will ensure that Highways & Transportation are able to access the materials required to make safe the highway for road users.

What are the legal implications?

17 There are no specific legal implications arising from this report. All activities relating to the proposed contract extension have been executed strictly in accordance with the Council's Contract Procedure Rules.

Options, timescales and measuring success

What other options were considered?

18 The extension of this Contract is an efficient use of Council resources and is judged to be value for money in comparison to preparing quotes for each individual work order.

19 The extension will allow us to keep using the compliant contractors we procured at the first time of tendering on the same terms and conditions. Retendering is unlikely to result in any additional savings.

How will success be measured?

20 Following consultation with Highways and Transportation colleagues, it has been confirmed that the incumbent contractors have proven to be successful within the previous 2 years of the contract.

What is the timetable and who will be responsible for implementation?

21 The contract extension needs to be in place before the current contract expires on the 31st March 2024.

22 The extension will be formally administered by colleagues in the PACS team.

Appendices

- n/a.

Background papers

- n/a.