

Contract extension of DN447029 for Electric Vehicle Charging Infrastructure by 24 months

Date: 18th March 2024

Report of: Deputy Chief Officer, Head of Catering and Fleet Services

Report to: Chief Officer Civic Enterprise Leeds

Will the decision be open for call in? Yes No

Does the report contain confidential or exempt information? Yes No

Brief summary

This report is to seek the approval of the Chief Officer Civic Enterprise Leeds to extend the current DN490941 - Electric Vehicle Charging Infrastructure contract by a further 24 months valued at £55,000 per annum and based on an agreed 4.9% RPI extension to the prices under the existing agreement.

The contract is an essential contract for the supply, installation, maintenance, and servicing of electric vehicle charging points across the city and supports the expansion of the Council's electric fleet.

The contract was originally procured and awarded in 2019 commencing on the 9th December 2019 and ending 31st March 2024 with provision for extensions up to two years plus two further years under the same terms and conditions.

The proposed contract extension will start on 1st April 2024 for 24 months concluding 31st March 2026 with the current incumbent supplier Blink Charging UK Limited

Recommendations

The Chief Officer Civic Enterprise Leeds is requested to

- a) Approve the recommendation to extend the current contract for Electric Vehicle Charging Infrastructure in line with available contract provision for an additional 24 months for the period 1st April 2024 to 31st March 2026 with Blink Charging UK Limited to the estimated value of £55,000 per annum. (Total for 2-year extension estimated at £110,000)

What is this report about?

- 1 The current contract for Electric Vehicle Charging Infrastructure (DN447029) expires on 31st March 2024 with provision for extensions up to two years plus two further years. The current contractor Blink Charging UK Limited was procured using competitive tendering exercise, utilising the approved third party Framework, The Procurement Partnership Ltd (TPPL) therefore this report seeks the approval to extend the contract by 24 months (first extension).
- 2 The contract is to supply, install, maintain and collect and distribute management information with regard to electric vehicle charge points to support its expansion of the electric fleet.
- 3 The contract allows for an increase of up to the Retail Price Index (RPI), which in January 2024 stood at 4.9% (Appendix 1). The value of this is estimated at £2450
- 4 The current and previous governments have made a policy commitment for almost every car and van to be a zero-emission vehicle by 2050, and that it will end the sale of all new conventional petrol and diesel cars and vans by 2040.

What impact will this proposal have?

- 5 The management, maintenance and installation of Council's existing EV charging infrastructure is required; therefore the extension of this contract will maintain the current arrangements and ensure the Council's EV charging infrastructure are well maintained and managed for the foreseeable future.

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

Health and Wellbeing

Inclusive Growth

Zero Carbon

- 6 The award of a contract to Blink Charging Ltd will support the council in its programme to decarbonise transport in the city and links to key aims to;
 - Developing Leeds as a low carbon city
 - A carbon reduction target to be a carbon neutral city by 2030
 - Improving the city's Air Quality through reductions in harmful pollution from diesel engines.
- 7 The extension of this contract will contribute towards the council's Best City Ambition in terms of health and wellbeing by operating vehicles that produce less harmful emissions which can have an adverse effect on health.

What consultation and engagement has taken place?

Wards affected: All Leeds City Council

Have ward members been consulted?

Yes

No

- 8 Where necessary, legal advice has been sought from the Legal Team within Procurement & Commercial Services (PACS), including the review of contract terms
- 9 Consultation and engagement have taken place between the Fleet Services Operations Team, Sustainable Energy & Air Quality team, the Procurement Lead and Legal Team in Procurement & Commercial Services (PACS), Finance and the incumbent contractor Blink Charging UK Limited. All parties were happy to extend the current contract by two years.

What are the resource implications?

10 The estimated contract extension value is £55,000 per annum based on the agreed Schedule of Rates (including 4.9% in line with current RPI) and the extension of the contract is deemed necessary to maintain the provisions. Actual spend may vary depending on the service requirement.

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

11 A key risk was to ensure that a compliant contract is successfully procured, and this proposed extension will retain the contract.

What are the legal implications?

12 There are no specific legal implications arising from this report. All activities relating to the proposed contract have been executed strictly in accordance with the contract.

13 The decision set out in this report is a Significant Operational Decision and not subject to Call-in

Options, timescales and measuring success

What other options were considered?

14 The option not to extend and retender has been considered. However, based on current costs and the contract working as anticipated, it was best to extend the current contract for 24 months. This will allow the Council to review its procurement strategy regarding the Electric Vehicle Charging Infrastructure services going forward.

How will success be measured?

15 Success will be measured continuing to monitor prices in the general market to ensure value for money is maintained for this contract that meet the requirements of the Council in respect of Electric Vehicle Charging Infrastructure.

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

16 The implementation of this contract extension is sought and will thus enable notification and implementation before the end of the current contract on 31st March 2024 ensuring provision remains in place through until end of March 2026

Appendices

- Appendix 1 – RPI data from Office of National Statistics

Background papers

- None