

Report to Chief Officer Highways and Transportation

Date: 27 August 2019

Subject: Bridge Maintenance and Masonry Repairs Contract 2019 – 21 (Extendable to 2023) Approval to Tender

Are specific electoral wards affected? If yes, name(s) of ward(s):	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
Has consultation been carried out?	<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
Will the decision be open 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

1. Main issues

The current Bridge Maintenance and Masonry Repairs contract comes to an end on the 13 September 2019 and a replacement contract is required for the Bridges team to continue to carry out this important function.

2. Best Council Plan Implications (click [here](#) for the latest version of the Best Council Plan)

Maintenance of bridges and structures links with the Best Council Plan objectives to improve the resilience of the City's infrastructure particularly bridges adjacent to waterways from potential flood events which may increase due to climate change.

3. Resource Implications

Consultation has taken place with the Finance Section who confirm that funding would be available through the Bridges revenue budget.

Recommendations

The Chief Officer (Highways and Transportation) is asked to approve the recommendation to tender the Bridge Maintenance and Masonry Repair Contract 2019-21 (Extendable to 2023) using the evaluation criteria within the contract documents to assess submitted tenders.

1. Purpose of this report

- 1.1 This report sets out the reasons for recommending that the Chief Officer (Highways and Transportation) should approve this request to tender the Bridge Maintenance and Masonry Repair Contract 2019-21 (Extendable to 2023).

2. Background information

- 2.1 Leeds City Council being the Highway Authority is required to ensure that highway structures are maintained for reasons of public safety.
- 2.2 Damage caused to structures as a result of accident damage is repaired through this contract with a 24 hour call-out facility being included.
- 2.3 The Bridges Section deliver this work and provide a rapid response during emergency incidents through the Bridge Maintenance & Masonry Repairs Contract.

3. Main issues

- 3.1 This report sets out the reasons for recommending that the Chief Officer (Highways and Transportation) should approve this request to tender the Bridge Maintenance and Masonry Repair Contract 2019-21 (Extendable to 2023).
- 3.2 The existing Current Bridge Maintenance & Masonry Repair Contract expires on 13th September 2019 and there is no further extension provision.
- 3.3 The Bridges Section have used this and previous contracts for many years and they have proved to be an effective way of repairing and maintaining structures and keeping the highway safe for road users.
- 3.4 The current contract was awarded to four contractors who have successfully carried out both the routine maintenance works, together with responding to emergency call-outs within the prescribed 24 hour period.
- 3.5 It is proposed that the next contract will also be awarded to up to four contractors who are able to demonstrate they can carry out these vital functions.
- 3.6 The total value of instructions issued in the last twelve months was £208,000 through 66 no. orders with an average value per order of £3155.

4. Corporate considerations

4.1 Consultation and engagement

- 4.1.1 Consultation with key stakeholders was undertaken when this particular procurement route was chosen.

4.2 Equality and diversity / cohesion and integration

- 4.2.1 Due consideration has taken place as part of the Corporate Procurement process and it is currently not applicable for an Equality, Diversity, Cohesion and Integration screening / impact assessment to be undertaken at this time.

4.3 Council policies and the Best Council Plan

- 4.3.1 The proposed tender of this contract will provide an efficient method of procuring these essential works.
- 4.3.2 Although this contract is primarily to meet the needs of the Leeds Bridge Section the contract will be available for the other members of the Yorkshire Highway Alliance to use as and when required.

Climate Emergency

- 4.3.3 This contract is to maintain Leeds City Council's existing and proposed structural assets, including bridges associated with rivers which may be subject to more than normal expected flooding events resulting from possible climate change events in the future.

4.4 Resources, procurement and value for money

- 4.4.1 The tender of this Contract is an efficient use of Council resources and is judged to be value for money in comparison to issuing tenders or orders for each individual work instruction.

4.5 Legal implications, access to information, and call-in

- 4.5.1 There are no specific legal implications arising for this report and all activities relating to the award of this contract are being executed in accordance with the Public Contract Regulations 2015 and the Leeds City Council Corporate Procurement Rules, CPR 9 – Over £100K High Value Procurements.
- 4.5.2 Notice to tender this contract was placed on the List of Forthcoming Key Decisions.

4.6 Risk management

- 4.6.1 The existing contract expires on the 13th September 2019 and if this contract is not tendered there will be risk to continued provision of bridge maintenance and repairs taking place without an agreed alternative being in place.

5. Conclusions

- 5.1 The tender of this contract is an efficient method of providing the Bridges Section with this maintenance resource which is essential to their service.

6. Recommendations

- 6.1 The Chief Officer (Highways and Transportation) is asked to approve the recommendation to tender the Bridge Maintenance and Masonry Repair Contract 2019-21 (Extendable to 2023) using the evaluation criteria within the contract documents to assess submitted tenders.

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.