



Report to: Chief Officer (Highways and Transportation)

Date: 06 October 2020

Subject: Yorkshire Highway Alliance – Highway Fencing Maintenance – Approval to Extend

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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input 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 type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" 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 Yorkshire Highway Alliance (YHA) Highway Fencing Maintenance Contract is used by the Highway Maintenance Teams to maintain highway fencing to a safe standard.

This report seeks the Chief Officer’s approval to extend the YHA Highway Fencing Maintenance Contract for a period of 12 months in accordance with Contract Procedure Rule 21 and utilising Clause Z13 incorporated within the contract.

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

The maintenance of highway fencing links with the Best Council Plan objective of improving transport connections, safety, reliability and affordability.

3. Resource Implications

It has been considered and confirmed that appropriate funding provision is available from the Highways Revenue Budget.

Recommendations

The Chief Officer (Highways and Transportation) is requested to approve the extension of the Yorkshire Highway Alliance Highway Fencing Maintenance Contract 2017-2019 with Protek Fencing Ltd to 31st October 2021 at the schedule of rates submitted.

1. Purpose of this report

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to inform the Chief Officer (Highways and Transportation) of the requirement to extend the YHA Highway Fencing Maintenance Contract.

2. Background information

- 2.1 The Highway Maintenance Teams use this contract to undertake highway fencing installation and maintenance repair works within Leeds. Orders placed range from a few hundred to a few thousand pounds.
- 2.2 This contract is specifically for the provision of fencing by a Contractor accredited with National Highway Sector Scheme 2A, 2B and 5B approval.
- 2.3 The budget for highway fencing for the year 2020/21 is £100,000.

3. Main issues

- 3.1 The YHA Highway Fencing Maintenance Contract 2017/19 was awarded to Protek Fencing Ltd in December 2017 for an initial period expiring 31st October 2019 and was extended until 31st October 2020 last year. We have the option to again extend for another year, which will be the last possible extension. The contractor can submit revised rates on the anniversary of the extension.
- 3.2 The incumbent Contractor has been approached and they have confirmed their willingness for the contract to be extended to 31st October 2021 and have submitted a revised schedule of rates which are considered to be acceptable.

4. Corporate considerations

4.1 Consultation and engagement

- 4.1.1 The Council is satisfied with both the performance of the incumbent and the new rates submitted.
- 4.1.2 It has been considered and confirmed that appropriate funding provision is available from the Highways Revenue Budget.
- 4.1.3 The Council have also looked into the appropriateness or otherwise of the proposed extension and concluded that it is justifiable.

4.2 Equality and diversity / cohesion and integration

- 4.2.1 Due consideration has taken place as part of the Corporate Procurement Process before this contract was originally awarded. It is currently not appropriate to carry out an EDCI Screening or Impact Assessment at this time.

4.3 Council policies and the Best Council Plan

- 4.3.1 This contract is utilised as a means of instructing a contractor to carry out safety fencing repair and maintenance works as and when required. Each order will be subject to the necessary approvals in accordance with the Council's Contract Procedure rules.

4.3.2 The proposed extension to this contract will maintain an efficient method of procuring this essential service.

4.3.3 This is a Yorkshire Highway Alliance collaborative Contract and is available to all member authorities to use

Climate Emergency

4.3.4 As the contractor is based locally in Leeds, travelling to site produces less carbon emissions compared to a contractor from further afield. Since COVID-19 they also work from home which further reduces emissions.

4.4 Resources, procurement and value for money

4.4.1 The proposed extension to this contract will maintain an efficient method of procuring these essential services and offers good value for money.

4.4.2 All activities relating to the proposed extension have been executed in accordance with the Council's Contract Procedure Rules.

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

4.5.1 There are no specific legal implications arising from this report.

4.6 Risk management

4.6.1 The incumbent contractor has submitted competitive rates and a new tender exercise is not expected to bring any further savings and would incur costs and delays associated with a new tender process.

5. Conclusions

5.1 The extension of this Contract is an efficient use of Council resources and offers best value for money whilst ensuring the maintenance of Highway fencing can continue to be delivered.

6. Recommendations

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7. Background documents

7.1 None