

Report to: Chief Officer (Highways and Transportation)

Date: 20 October 2020

Subject: Yorkshire Highway Alliance Road Markings Contract 2018 (Extendable to 2022) – 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

1. This report seeks approval from the Chief Officer (Highways & Transportation) to extend the Yorkshire Highway Alliance Road Markings Contract 2018 for a period of 24 months to 27th November 2022.
2. The Road Markings Contract is used by the Council to procure road markings and it is also used by members of the Yorkshire Highway Alliance.

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

The proposed extension of this contract will provide an efficient method of procuring these essential works and the approach is consistent with the aims contained within the Council's Spending Money Wisely Policy.

3. Resource Implications

- 1.1.1 The extension of this framework contract does not commit the Authority to any expenditure as orders are raised on an as and when required basis.
- 1.1.2 It has been considered and confirmed that appropriate funding provision is available from both capital and revenue budgets as and when the works are required.

Recommendations

The Chief Officer (Highways and Transportation) is requested to approve the extension of the Yorkshire Highway Alliance Road Markings Contract 2018 for 24 months to 27th November 2022 in accordance with its terms and conditions.

1. Purpose of this report

- 1.2 The purpose of this report is to obtain the Chief Officer (Highways & Transportation) approval to extend the Yorkshire Highway Alliance Road Markings Contract 2018 to 2022 with the three incumbent providers who have confirmed their continued interest.

2. Background information

- 2.1 The Road Markings Contract is utilised by the Council to procure road markings and is available for local authority members of the Yorkshire Highway Alliance.
- 2.2 It has proved over the years to be an efficient and cost effective way of procuring road markings. Works orders are issued on an individual basis from the priced schedule of rates in the framework contract.
- 2.3 Suppliers: Jointline Ltd, Premier Roadmarkings and Trustseal Ltd.
 - 2.3.1 It is estimated that the value of the contract will be around £500K per annum.

3. Main issues

- 3.1 The contract was awarded to four contractors in November 2018 for an initial period of 2 years with the option to extend the contract for a further 2 years.
- 3.2 The contract expires on the 27th November 2020 and this will be the only extension possible.
- 3.3 If the contract is not extended, we have no compliant alternative in place and would therefore be unable to carry out the road markings.
- 3.4 The extension will allow us to keep using the compliant contractors we procured at the first time of tendering. Three of the four incumbent Contractors have confirmed their willingness to extend the contract for a further 24 months to 27th November 2022 and have submitted a revised schedule of rates which are considered to be acceptable.
- 3.5 The incumbent contractors are: Jointline Ltd, Premier Roadmarkings and Trustseal Ltd.
- 3.6 The incumbent contractor that did not wish to extend was Colas Ltd. This is due to them no longer providing this service.
- 3.7 Road Surface Markings are used on paved roadways to provide guidance and information to road users spanning navigation, safety and enforcement issues.

4. Corporate considerations

4.1 Consultation and engagement

- 4.1.1 The Council are satisfied with both the performance of the incumbent contractors and the new rates submitted.
- 4.1.2 Consultation has taken place with the Council who have confirmed their need for this contract to be able to deliver the service.
- 4.1.3 It has been considered and confirmed that appropriate funding provision is available from both capital and revenue budgets as and when the works are required.
- 4.1.4 The Council have also looked into the appropriateness or otherwise of the proposed extension and concluded that it is justifiable.
- 4.1.5 Consultation has taken place with the Yorkshire Highway Alliance Group and it was agreed that this contract would be the best method of procuring this type of work and will be available to all members of the Yorkshire Highway Alliance.

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 The recommended approach is consistent with the aims contained within the Council's Spending Money Wisely Policy.
- 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 At Full Council on 27th March 2019 Leeds City Council passed a motion declaring a Climate Emergency. In addition, the Leeds Climate Commission have proposed a series of science based carbon reduction targets for the City so that Leeds can play its part in keeping global average surface temperature increase to no more than 1.5c.
- 4.3.5 The incumbent contractors are aware of Leeds City Council's Climate Emergency agenda and any emission savings that can be made during the contract period will be actively encouraged.

4.4 Resources, procurement and value for money

- 4.4.1 The extension of this Contract is an efficient use of council resources and is judged to be value for money in comparison to retendering or preparing tenders for each individual order.
- 4.4.2 It is estimated that the value of the contract will be around £500K per annum.

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

4.5.1 This is a consequential Significant Operational Decision further to a previous key decision. 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 Council's Contract Procedure Rules.

4.6 Risk management

4.6.1 To maintain continuity on the ability to purchase these works for service delivery, it is essential that this contract is extended before the existing arrangement expires.

4.6.2 The incumbent contractors have already submitted competitive rates and a new tender exercise is not expected to bring any further savings and would incur costs associated with a new tender process.

5. Conclusions

5.1.1 The extension of this Contract is an efficient use of Council resources and offers best value for money in comparison to tendering individual work packages.

6. Recommendations

6.1 The Chief Officer (Highways and Transportation) is requested to approve the extension of the Yorkshire Highway Alliance Road Markings Contract 2018 for 24 months to 27th November 2022 in accordance with its terms and conditions.

7. Background documents

7.1 None