

Approval to Extend the Pumping Station Maintenance Contract 2019

Date: 01 June 2021

Report to: The Chief Officer (Highways & Transportation)

Will the decision be open for call in? Yes No

Does the report contain confidential or exempt information? Yes No

What is this report about?

Including how it contributes to the city's and council's ambitions

- This report seeks approval from the Chief Officer (Highways & Transportation) to extend the Pumping Station Maintenance Contract 2019 for a further 24 months to 2023.
- The contract was originally awarded in 2019 for a 2 year period. Under Clause Z5 which was included in the contract, we have the option to extend the contract for a further 24 months under the same terms and conditions.
- The contract extension will start from 9th July 2021 for a two year period until the 8th July 2023 with the incumbent contractor Pumptec Ltd, who have agreed to maintain their rates from the first time of tendering.
- The extension will allow us to keep using the compliant contractor 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.
- The proposed extension of this contract will provide an efficient method of procuring this essential service and the approach is consistent with the aims contained within the Council's Spending Money Wisely Policy.

Recommendations

- a) The Chief Officer (Highways & Transportation) is requested to approve the recommendation to extend the Pumping Station Maintenance Contract 2019 for an additional 24 months to 8 July 2023 with Pumptec Ltd.

Why is the proposal being put forward?

- 1 The Flood Risk Management team use the contract to carry out a variety of routine, planned, reactive and emergency works primarily for Pumping Station maintenance, also occasional works for Flood Alleviation Schemes, Water Features, Petrol interceptors and Septic tank maintenance.
- 2 This contract is necessary to ensure Leeds City Council's ability to maintain the pumping stations.

- 3 Without the contract, we have no compliant way of carrying out the above services that are required 365 days a year, 24 hours a day. This is currently covered by the call out facility provided within the contract.

What impact will this proposal have?

Wards Affected:

Have ward members been consulted? Yes No

- 4 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.
- 5 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.

What consultation and engagement has taken place?

- 6 Consultation has taken place with Flood Risk Management who are satisfied with the performance of the incumbent contractor and their willingness to maintain the current rates.
- 7 Flood Risk Management have confirmed their need for this contract to be able to deliver the service.

What are the resource implications?

- 8 The proposal to extend the contract is judged to be value for money and is an effective use of council resources.
- 9 The current spend for the first 2 years of the contract is approx. £315,000.00 and a similar spend is anticipated in the next 2 years.
- 10 It has been considered and confirmed that appropriate funding provision is available from both Flood Risk Managements capital and revenue budgets as and when the service is required.

What are the legal implications?

- 11 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.
- 12 Extending the contract is a direct consequence of the initial authority to procure and should be treated as a signification operational decision, as such it is not eligible for call in.

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

- 13 This contract is necessary to maintain continuity on the ability to purchase these services, it is essential that this contract is extended before the existing arrangement expires.
- 14 Without the contract, we have no compliant way of procuring the service that is required to prevent flooding.
- 15 By extending the contract, we will continue to manage the risk of flooding within Leeds.

Does this proposal support the council's 3 Key Pillars?

Inclusive Growth Health and Wellbeing Climate Emergency

- 16 The contract provides maintenance for Leeds City Councils existing and proposed infrastructure assets. This includes pumping stations and a variety of systems city wide to prevent and reduce flooding, including possible flooding from future climate change.

Options, timescales and measuring success

a) What other options were considered?

- 17 The extension of this Contract is an efficient use of council resources and is judged to be value for money in comparison to tendering individual orders or contracts.
- 18 The extension will allow us to keep using the compliant contractor we procured at the first time of tendering on the same terms and conditions and retendering is unlikely to result in any additional savings.

b) How will success be measured?

- 19 The incumbent contractor has proven over the first 2 years of the contract to be a reliable and trustworthy supplier, able to react quickly and resolve any issues. We would anticipate this successful relationship will continue into the second half of the contract.

c) What is the timetable for implementation?

- 20 The contract extension needs to be in place before the start date of the 9th July 2021.

Appendices

- 21 None

Background papers

- 22 None