

# Approval to use the Hire of Civil Engineering Plant, Vehicles and Equipment with and without operator(s) - Yorkshire Highway Alliance Contract procured by Kirklees Metropolitan District Council.

Date: April 2022

Report to: Chief Officer (Highways and 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

- As part of collaborative working across the Yorkshire Highway Alliance (YHA), Kirklees Council have undertaken the procurement of a Framework Agreement for the Hire of Civil Engineering Plant, Vehicles and Equipment with and without operator(s) which will be used to provide competitive rates in relation to hiring plant, vehicles, and equipment.
- This report seeks permission for Leeds City Council to use the YHA Hire of Civil Engineering Plant, Vehicles and Equipment with and without operator(s) Contract.

## Recommendations

- a) The Chief Officer (Highways and Transportation) is asked to approve the use of the YHA Hire of Civil Engineering Plant, Vehicles and Equipment with and without operator(s) Contract to 30th November 2022 with an option to extend for one further twelve-month period.
- b) Leeds City Council estimates spending £3.6 million per annum through the contract.

## Why is the proposal being put forward?

- 1 To obtain the Chief Officer's approval to use the Contract procured by Kirklees Council.
- 2 As part of the YHA collaborative working group it was agreed that Kirklees Council would procure the Contract for the group members to use.
- 3 Procuring the contract as the YHA provides competitive rates and meets current guidance on the Highway Maintenance Efficiency Programme.
- 4 Kirklees Council have ensured that the procurement was carried out in accordance with the Public Contract Regulations 2015 and that the framework is available for Leeds to use.
- 5 Tenders have been evaluated and Kirklees Council have awarded the contract to 43 contractors. The Framework will be let for 1 year with the option to extend for a further one 12-month period.

## What impact will this proposal have?

### Wards Affected:

Have ward members been consulted?      Yes      No

- 6 An equality, diversity, cohesion and integration screening has been carried out by Kirklees Council as part of their tender procedures and confirms that a full impact assessment is not required as the proposals are only seeking to use the YHA Hire of Civil Engineering Plant, Vehicles and Equipment with and without Operator(s) Contract and will therefore have no impact on protected equality characteristics.

## What consultation and engagement has taken place?

- 7 The service users across the West Yorkshire Districts and the Yorkshire Highway Alliance group members were consulted prior to the tendering process.

## What are the resource implications?

- 8 Kirklees Council have undertaken a competitive tender exercise and the Contractors selected for the framework offer the best value.
- 9 Leeds City Council estimates spending £3.6 million per annum through the contract.

## What are the legal implications?

- 10 This is a key decision and will be subject to call in as the value of goods that Leeds City Council will procure through this contract is estimated around £3.6 million per annum. This decision was published on the list of forthcoming Key Decisions on the 12 January 2022.

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

- 11 Not approving the use of the Yorkshire Highway Alliance Contract would mean Leeds would have to procure a separate contract.

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

Inclusive Growth      Health and Wellbeing      Climate Emergency

- 12 The contract is required to provide plant hire and equipment which is used to maintain and improve the Cities infrastructure. This includes making the pavements and cycle paths safe for pedestrians.

## Options, timescales and measuring success

### a) What other options were considered?

- 13 The participation in this Contract is an efficient use of Council resources and will provide a cost effective method of procuring the plant hire, vehicles, and equipment.

### b) How will success be measured?

- 14 Success will be measured over the life of the contract and how efficient the contractors are.

### c) What is the timetable for implementation?

- 15 The contract is available to use as and when required.

## **Appendices**

16 n/a

## **Background papers**

17 n/a