

Report to Extend the West Yorkshire Supply and Installation of Traffic Signal Equipment to 2025

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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

Brief summary

This report seeks approval from the Chief Officer (Highways & Transportation) to extend the Supply and Installation of Traffic Signal Equipment for a further 24 months to 2025. This is the only extension available as part of this contract.

As per the terms of the contract, the incumbent contractors have the opportunity to submit a re-rate for the services offered.

If approved, the extension will start from 12th May 2023 for a 24 month period with the incumbent contractors; Colas Ltd, Telent, Swarco (formerly known as Dynniq) and Yunex.

This extension will allow Leeds City Council to keep using the compliant contractors 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.

Recommendations

- a) This report seeks approval from the Chief Officer (Highways & Transportation) to extend the West Yorkshire Supply and Installation of Traffic Signal Equipment for a further 24 months to 13th May 2025. This is in accordance with Contract Procedure Rule 21.
- b) The incumbent contractors have been given the opportunity to submit a re-rate for the apparatus supplied and installations; the UTM team have also requested rate be provided for additional apparatus and services undertaken by the contractors. In doing this, contractors have submitted competitive rates for the apparatus and services.
- c) The estimated spend on the contract from the UTM team over the additional 2 years is in the region of £7.5m.

What is this report about?

- 1 This report seeks approval from the Chief Officer (Highways & Transportation) to extend the West Yorkshire Supply and Installation of Traffic Signal Equipment for a further 24 months to 13th May 2025. This is in accordance with Contract Procedure Rule 21.

- 2 The contract was originally awarded in 2021 for a 2 year period. Under Clause 80, Leeds City Council has the option to extend the contract once for 24 months, bringing the total contract length to 4 years.
- 3 The incumbent contractors have been given the opportunity to submit a re-rate for the apparatus supplied and installations; the UTMC team have also requested rates be provided for additional apparatus and services undertaken by the contractors. In doing this, contractors have submitted competitive rates for the apparatus and services.
- 4 As part of their re-rate, all contractors have sought to keep install costs at the same rates as in previous years. Increasing costs elsewhere have meant that supply rates have had to increase; the general average of this has been 10% which is in line with current inflation rates.
- 5 The proposed extension will allow Leeds City Council to keep using the compliant contractors procured at the first time of tendering under the same terms and conditions. Retendering is not expected to bring further savings and would incur costs associated with a new tender process.
- 6 The estimated spend on the contract from the UTMC team over the additional 2 years is in the region of £7.5m.

What impact will this proposal have?

- 7 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.
- 8 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.

How does this proposal impact the three pillars of the Best City Ambition?

Health and Wellbeing
 Inclusive Growth
 Zero Carbon

- 9 The West Yorkshire Supply and Installation of Traffic Signal Equipment Contract will contribute to the Best Council Plan Sustainable Infrastructure ambitions by enabling more energy efficient infrastructure to be introduced in place of asset that has reached end of life. It also enables the procurement of technology that will assist in achieving the objective of reducing bus delays through signal technology innovation to enhance bus priority.

What consultation and engagement has taken place?

Wards affected:

Have ward members been consulted? Yes No

- 10 Consultation has taken place with colleagues within the UTMC section who have confirmed their need for this contract to remain in place.
- 11 Consultation has taken place with the other authorities within the Yorkshire Highway Alliance who have also confirmed their need for the contract to continue.

What are the resource implications?

- 12 It has been considered and confirmed that appropriate funding provision is available from the UTMC budget.

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

- 13 This contract ensures that the Council has the ability to maintain its traffic signals to ensure road safety for drivers, pedestrians and other road users.

What are the legal implications?

14 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.

Options, timescales and measuring success

What other options were considered?

- 15 The extension of this Contract is an efficient use of Council resources and is judged to be value for money in comparison to preparing quotes for each individual work order.
- 16 The extension will allow us to keep using the compliant contractors we procured at the first time of tendering on the same terms and conditions. Retendering is unlikely to result in any additional savings.

How will success be measured?

17 Following consultation with the UTMC team, it has been confirmed that the incumbent contractors have proved to be successful within the previous 2 years of the contract. The contractors have remained compliant and their performance will continue to be measured on the same basis going forward with performance meetings taking place if necessary.

What is the timetable and who will be responsible for implementation?

- 18 The contract extension needs to be in place before the current contract expires on the 11th May 2023.
- 19 The extension will be formally administered by colleagues in the PACS team.

Appendices

- n/a.

Background papers

- n/a.