

# Approval to Award the Noise Insulation Contract 2024

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Report of: Senior Contracts Engineer Procurement, Highways & Transportation

Report to: Chief Officer (Highways & 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 the approval of the Chief Officer (Highways and Transportation) to award the Noise Insulation Contract 2024 extendable to 2028.

## Recommendations

1. The Chief Officer (Highways and Transportation) is requested approve the recommendation to award the Noise Insulation Contract 2024 from 06<sup>th</sup> February 2024 to 5<sup>th</sup> February 2026 to DGB Joinery Ltd with a potential annual value of £200,000 with the option to extend until 2028 subject to satisfactory performance.

## What is this report about?

- 1 An open tender was issued via YORtender on the 8<sup>th</sup> of November 2023.
- 2 Two tenders were received by the tender deadline on the 6<sup>th</sup> of December 2023 from DGB Joinery Ltd and Evander Glazing and Locks Ltd. These were evaluated using the 70/30 quality/price split as stated in the tender documents.
- 3 The quality element of the submission was assessed and scored individually by a core panel consisting of Officers from the Environmental Advisory Team in Highways and overseen by the Highways Procurement team.
- 4 Both tenderers passed the quality threshold meaning their prices could be assessed. These were then added together to provide a combined quality/price total score.
- 5 Evander Glazing and Locks Ltd scored 478 from the possible weighting of 1,000 whilst the preferred bidder with a total score of 890 is: DGB Joinery Ltd.

## What impact will this proposal have?

- 6 The proposals requested in this report have no impact on the equality characteristics identified in the original equality, diversity, cohesion and integration screening assessment conducted as part of the procurement process. Therefore, it is not applicable to carry out an EDCI impact assessment at this stage.

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

Health and Wellbeing

Inclusive Growth

Zero Carbon

- 7 Creation and sustainability improvements to infrastructure across Leeds is an important part of the Best City Ambition. However, highways schemes undertaking this work can result in increased noise levels to adjacent properties. The contract is used to offer local residents noise reduction measures to mitigate this in appropriate circumstances.
- 8 The health and wellbeing of local residents is improved by offering them noise reducing measures within their properties to prevent any noise increase created by highways schemes.
- 9 The contractor is aware of Leeds City Council's Climate Emergency agenda and any emission savings that can be made are encouraged.

## What consultation and engagement has taken place?

Wards affected: All

Have ward members been consulted?

Yes

No

- 10 The Environmental Studies Team have confirmed the need for this contract to be re-procured and have also been involved in the evaluation of the quality submission for this tender.
- 11 Consultation has taken place with the finance section who have confirmed that sufficient funding is available.

## What are the resource implications?

- 12 The estimated annual contract value is £200,000. with an estimated spend of £800,000. over 4 years including extensions.
- 13 The award of this contract is judged to be value for money and is an effective and efficient use of Council resources in comparison to preparing individual tenders for packages of work.

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

- 14 Should the contract not be awarded, the Council would not have a contractor who could react quickly to requests for noise insulation works and packages of work would have to be procured individually resulting in time delays and additional cost.

## What are the legal implications?

- 15 There are no specific legal implications arising from this report. All activities relating to the procurement have been executed strictly in accordance with the Councils Contract Procedure Rules.
- 16 This is a consequential Significant Operational Decision further to a previous Key Decision which will be published but is not subject to call-in.

## Options, timescales and measuring success

### What other options were considered?

- 17 The award of the Contract is an efficient method procuring this service which is required to be offered to residents in properties which meet certain criteria under the Noise Insulation

Regulations (1975) as amended, where there is a new or substantially altered section of road or are affected by increased noise resulting from Transport Improvement schemes.

**How will success be measured?**

18 DGB Joinery Ltd are the incumbent contractor and have given many years of good service to the Environmental Studies Team and the rates submitted represent good value for money.

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

19 If the Chief Officer (Highways & Transportation) approves the recommendation to award the contract on the basis it provides best value to the Council. It will be in place no later than 5<sup>th</sup> February 2024 when the current framework expires.

**Appendices**

- N/A

**Background papers**

- N/A