

Authority to procure the Installation and Repair of Inductive Loops and Counter Cabinets 2024

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Report of: Senior Contracts Engineer Procurement

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 sets out the reasons for recommending that the Chief Officer (Highways and Transportation) should approve this request to tender the Installation and Repair of Inductive Loops and Counter Cabinets 2024.

The current framework expires on the 31st of July 2024 and a replacement framework is required for the Urban Traffic Management Control (UTMC) team to continue to be able to instruct the installation of this apparatus.

Recommendations

- a) The Chief Officer (Highways and Transportation) is asked to approve the recommendation to tender the Installation and Repair of Inductive Loops and Counter Cabinets 2024 using the evaluation criteria within the contract documents to assess submitted tenders.

What is this report about?

- 1 The Council being the Highway Authority has a statutory duty to ensure that highway are maintained for reasons of public safety under the Highways Act 1980.
- 2 The Urban Traffic Management Control (UTMC) team use this framework for the installation and repair of inductive loops in road surfaces which are linked to traffic signals or cabinets that count traffic flows.
- 3 The installation of traffic loops at signalised highway junctions enables traffic signal controllers to programme the flow of private vehicles, public service buses, cyclists and pedestrians in the most efficient and safe manner. The traffic flow information gained from installed counter cabinets all adds to the knowledge of traffic movements around the city and analysis of this adds into improving the city's transport infrastructure aims within the Best City Ambition.
- 4 This will be an OPEN tender and will be awarded to all contractors that return a compliant tender. Individual work instructions will be placed with the cheapest costed contractor estimate that are available to carry out the work when required.

- 5 Suppliers will be given the opportunity to submit revised rates annually using the Consumer Price Index (CPI).

What impact will this proposal have?

- 6 Due consideration has taken place as part of the Corporate Procurement process, and it is currently not applicable for an Equality, Diversity, Cohesion and Integration screening / impact assessment to be undertaken at this time.

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

Health and Wellbeing Inclusive Growth Zero Carbon

- 7 It is in the interest of City's carbon footprint not to have cars at traffic signals at a standstill emitting carbon dioxide. It is important we maintain an efficient flow of traffic which can be better achieved using inductive loops. It is also of benefit to pedestrians and cyclists using the traffic signals.
- 8 Proven benefits of active travel within the city support the Council's commitment to Health and Wellbeing. Improved movement around the city encourages more visitors, therefore supporting inclusive growth with increased spending.

What consultation and engagement has taken place?

Wards affected: n/a

Have ward members been consulted? Yes No

- 9 Consultation has taken place with the UTMC who have confirmed their need for this framework and the Finance Section who confirmed that funding would be available through the UTMC revenue budget.

What are the resource implications?

- 10 The tender of this framework is an efficient use of Council resources and is judged to be value for money in comparison to issuing tenders or orders for each individual work instruction.
- 11 The estimated value is £400,000 over the 4-year life of the framework.

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

- 12 This framework is necessary to maintain the continuity of the service. Without the framework, we have no compliant way of procuring the service that is required.

What are the legal implications?

- 13 There are no specific legal implications arising for this report and all activities relating to the tendering and award of this contract are being conducted in accordance with the Council's Contracts Procedure Rules 9.1 and 9.2.

Options, timescales and measuring success

What other options were considered?

- 14 The tender of this framework is an efficient method of procuring the service required and is judged to be value for money in comparison to procuring individual contracts.

How will success be measured?

15 This is a retender of a long standing framework where previous versions have proved to be reliable when needing to carry out this work, this framework is intended to provide the same outcome.

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

16 The current framework expires on the 31st of July 2024, the Highways Procurement team will aim to have the new framework in place to commence on the 1st August 2024 to provide continuity in the service.

Appendices

- n/a

Background papers

- n/a