

# Authority to Award Calverley Lane Footbridge part of the Connecting West Leeds (CWL) Phase 2 Schemes

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Report of: Assistant 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 seeks the approval of the Chief Officer, Highways and Transportation to approve the award of Calverley Footbridge to John Sisk and Son Ltd on the basis that the project will not proceed to the construction phase unless the agreed costs are within budget.

## Recommendations

- a) The Chief Officer (Highways and Transportation) is requested to approve the award of Calverley Footbridge to John Sisk and Son Ltd as part of the Intermediate Works Contractor Framework.
- b) The project will not proceed to the construction phase unless the agreed costs are within the budget provision for the project.
- c) The contract value is £8,996,250.00.

## What is this report about?

- 1 Only John Sisk and Son Ltd returned a tender out of the four Contractors on the Intermediate Works Contractor Framework.
- 2 The value of the tender submission from John Sisk and Son Ltd was above budget but was submitted based on the worst-case scenario. It is expected that during the design and ECI phase of the project, significant value engineering savings will be realised and bring the cost within budget.
- 3 A break clause by way of a supplementary agreement between John Sisk and Son Ltd and Leeds City Council has been signed by both parties and will allow a pause between the Design/ECI phase and the construction phase.
- 4 The supplementary agreement will reserve the right of Leeds City Council not to progress to the construction phase until the project cost has been agreed and is within the confirmed budget provision.
- 5 A tender was published on the Council's electronic tendering portal, YORtender, on 08/02/2024 inviting tenders from the four contractors on the Intermediate Works Contractor Framework.

- 6 Only one submission was received from John Sisk and Son Ltd which was assessed by the evaluation panel. John Sisk and Son Ltd achieved a quality score of 415 points which was above the minimum requirement of 300points (60%). Since John Sisk and Son Ltd were the only bidder and their quality submission met the minimum threshold criteria it is therefore recommended to proceed with the award on the basis that following completion of the design phase, construction will not commence until the cost is agreed and within budget.

### **What impact will this proposal have?**

- 7 An Equality, Diversity, Cohesion and Integration (EDCI) screening has been undertaken as part of the original Connecting West Leeds Phase 2 Schemes – Design and Construction report.
- 8 The walking \ cycling links and accessible bridge proposals will not only cater for able body people but will also accommodate many methods for getting around, including using wheelchairs, mobility scooters, walking aids and travelling with a pram or pushchair and designed for visually impaired through use of textile paving.
- 9 A new accessible bridge at the B615 Calverley Lane junction will provide a dedicated crossing for pedestrians and cyclists across the A6120 ORR. Since this section of ring road was built it has become increasingly dangerous for people to enjoy the numerous walking routes including rights of way.
- 10 The creation of a footbridge will reunite Farsley and the village of Calverley. The proposals have been welcomed by residents and allow safe pedestrian travel on the extensive rights of way network, and better connect Calverley to rail, bus and cycle opportunities at Pudsey and Stanningley. The new bridge will become part of the adopted highway.

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

Health and Wellbeing

Inclusive Growth

Zero Carbon

- 1 The CWL project will play a key role in addressing health inequalities within and between diverse communities in this constituency, through the delivery of active travel links. The implementation of upgraded pedestrian and cycling infrastructure will provide direct benefits for pedestrians/cyclists and will also work towards the carbon zero targets for the city. Improved areas of greenspace associated with the project will also provide all equality groups with increased health benefits associated with such spaces.
- 2 One of the key points of feedback received from the public consultation was how the residents living either side of the busy ORR show it as a barrier and with respondents wanting the new scheme to address poor pedestrian crossing provision. The proposed improvements help to connect communities south and north of the ring road and therefore improving access to jobs, education, culture and shopping for this neighbourhood and at same encouraging people to undertake short distance trips by active modes, which helps people's health and the environment. The
- 3 The Council declared a Climate Emergency in March 2019. The modelling required for the Business Case will assess the scheme's impact on the environment including noise, air quality and carbon dioxide emissions. If general traffic can be encouraged to use the orbital route, then it means less traffic going through our local neighbourhoods therefore creating a more liveable, walkable environment supporting sustainable living and moving around on foot, by bike or public transport. This scheme aims to provide improved journey time experience to facilitate improvements for all road users.

### **What consultation and engagement has taken place?**

Wards affected: n/a

Have ward members been consulted?

Yes

No

- 4 No consultation has taken place with key stakeholders as to whether the contract should be awarded to the winning bidder or not as this is determined by the evaluation of the tender received. However, consultation with key stakeholders was undertaken when the particular procurement route was chosen.

### **What are the resource implications?**

- 5 John Sisk and Son Ltd have a strong and robust supply chain and are confident they can successfully deliver the scheme within programme.

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

- 6 The value of the tender submission from John Sisk and Son Ltd was above budget. It is expected that during the design and ECI phase of the project, significant value engineering savings will be realised and reduce the scheme cost within budget.
- 7 A break clause signed by both parties will reserve the right of Leeds City Council not to progress to the construction phase until the project cost has been agreed and is within the confirmed budget provision.

### **What are the legal implications?**

- 8 There are no specific legal implications arising from this report. All activities relating to the award of this contract are being executed in accordance with the Council's Contract Procedure Rules.

### **Options, timescales and measuring success**

#### **What other options were considered?**

- 9 The suite of contractor frameworks has been setup specifically to deliver schemes like Calverley Lane Footbridge.
- 10 The call-off from the Intermediate Works Contractor Framework is an efficient method of procuring the works required and is judged to be value for money.

#### **How will success be measured?**

- 11 The construction of the new footbridge over the Leeds Outer Ring Road is within budget.

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

- 12 The Highways Procurement will be responsible for the administration and award of the contract with an anticipated award date of July 2024.

### **Appendices**

- n/a

### **Background papers**

- n/a

