

The Vale of Glamorgan Council

Cabinet Meeting: 11 April, 2016

Report of the Cabinet Member for Visible and Leisure Services

Highway Maintenance Contracts

Purpose of the Report

1. To seek Cabinet approval to extend the existing contracts for:
 - Highway Emergency and Permanent Repairs;
 - Highway Surface Dressing;
 - Micro Asphalt Surfacing and
 - Highway Weed Control.

Recommendations

1. That the contract for Highway Emergency and Permanent Repairs 2015/2016 awarded to Centregreat Ltd be extended until 31st March 2017 at current rates.
2. That the contract for Highway Surface Dressing 2015/2016 awarded to Road Maintenance Services be extended until 31st March 2017 at current rates.
3. That the contract for Micro Asphalt Surfacing 2015/2016 awarded to Kiely Brothers be extended until 31st March 2017 at current rates.
4. That the contract for Highway Weed Control 2015/2016 awarded to Complete Weed Control be extended until 31st March 2017 at current rates.

Reasons for the Recommendations

1. To ensure compliance with the Council's Contract Standing Orders and Financial Regulations.
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Background

2. The Highways and Engineering section administers a number of contracts relating to improvements that need to be carried out to highways.

Relevant Issues and Options

3. Tenders have previously been invited for the Highway Emergency and Permanent Repairs Contract in 2015/2016 and approved by Cabinet (Minute Number C2777). The Contract permits contract extensions of up to a further two years with the agreement of Cabinet and the relevant contractor via an annual review. The Emergency and Permanent Repairs Contract is used to repair both carriageway and footway defects on highway safety inspections. It also encompasses a number of other highways maintenance works which includes, The BIG FILL project, housing department footway repairs, footway renewal works, erecting bollards and pedestrian fencing. The anticipated annual spend on this contract will be approximately £1.2m.
4. Tenders have previously been invited for the Highway Surface Dressing Contract in 2015/2016 and subsequently approved by Cabinet (Minute Number C3024). The Contract permits extensions of up to a further two years with the agreement of the Cabinet and relevant contractor via an annual review. The Highway Surfacing Contract is a surface treatment process and is used to provide a comprehensive seal which prevents the ingress of water into the road structure. The process stops deterioration of the road surface thus preventing potholes. The anticipated annual spend of this contract will be approximately £150k
5. The Tenders have previously been invited for the Micro Asphalt Contract in 2015/2016 and subsequently approved by Cabinet (Minute Number C3024). The Contract permits contract extensions of up to a further two years with the agreement of the Cabinet and relevant contractor via an annual review. The Micro Asphalt Contract is a surface treatment process which is used in urban areas. The process seals the road surface and significantly improves the road profile, ride quality and skid resistance. The anticipated annual; spend of this contract will be approximately £200k.
6. Tenders have previously been invited for the Highway Weed Control Contract in 2015/2016 and subsequently approved by Cabinet (Minute Number C2777). The Contract permits contract extensions of up to a further two years with the agreement of the Cabinet and relevant contractor via an annual review. The Weed Control Contract involves treating weeds on the adopted highway 3 times per year. The contract also encompasses the treatment of moss and Japanese Knotweed. The anticipated spend on this contract is approximately £80k.
7. All contracts are considered to offer excellent value for money in the current market and as a consequence it is recommended that each contract is extended until 31 March, 2017.

Resource Implications (Financial and Employment)

8. The works will be financed from within the Highway Maintenance 2016/2017 Capital and Revenue Budgets. The contracts allow for extension for up to a further two years. Full details of the anticipated spend on each contract is detailed.

Sustainability and Climate Change Implications

9. Highway Maintenance and refurbishment improves the roads network which in turn can increase the economic viability of the Vale of Glamorgan as a location.

Legal Implications (to Include Human Rights Implications)

10. The Council has a duty to maintain the Highway pursuant to the Highways Act (1980).

Crime and Disorder Implications

11. There are no Crime and Disorder Implications.

Equal Opportunities Implications (to include Welsh Language issues)

12. There are no Equal Opportunities Implications.

Corporate/Service Objectives

13. Environment - Outcome: Current and future generations of Vale residents and visitors enjoy the built and natural environments of the Vale of Glamorgan and actively protect and maintain them.

Policy Framework and Budget

14. This is a matter for Executive decision.

Consultation (including Ward Member Consultation)

15. There is no consultation proposed as this is a Vale wide matter.

Relevant Scrutiny Committee

16. Economy and Environment.

Background Papers

Request for Exception to Contract Standing Orders - Dated: 25/11/2014

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Officers Consulted

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