

The Vale of Glamorgan Council

Cabinet Meeting: 20 March, 2017

Report of the Cabinet Member for Building Services, Highways and Transportation

Highway Design & Construction Contract

Purpose of the Report

1. To obtain the approval of Cabinet to award the new framework contract for Highway Design & Construction for 2017/18.

Recommendation

1. That the Cabinet note the contents of the report, with a view to taking decisions on the appointment of contractors detailed within the Part II report on the agenda.

Reason for the Recommendation

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

Background

2. The existing Highway Design & Construction Call off Contract 2014/15 has successfully run for the last 3 years and based on the terms for the contract will be terminated from 31st March 2017.
3. To ensure adequate labour resources are available to complete Capital construction projects approved in 2017/18, the Highway Design & Construction Call off Contract was retendered in February 2017.
4. The tenderers were selected from Constructionline to ensure suppliers have relevant competence, health and safety systems and financial standing. Constructionline is a government run scheme for use by any public and private sector Organisation to ensure suppliers have relevant competence, health and safety systems and financial standing when short listing Contractors, Suppliers and Consultants.

Relevant Issues and Options

5. Invitations to tender were issued to eight selected contractors on 1st February 2017 as part of the tender process for Highway Design & Construction Call off Contract 2017/18.

6. Tenders were returned on 10th February 2017 and a tender evaluation exercise was undertaken on the four tenders returned. The approximate annual cost is estimated to be between £650k and £750k per annum.
7. The Call off Contract seeks to deliver value and efficiency in delivering highway construction works by using external labour resource to supplement and strengthen the Council's in-house provision and provide sufficient flexibility in resource provision.
8. It is proposed to appoint contractors on to the Call off Contract for an initial period of one year with an option to extend up to a maximum of two years. Works will be awarded to meet project and works delivery programme during the financial year.
9. For data protection reasons the details of the tender submissions, assessment and appointment are contained within the Part II report to this agenda.
10. The Contracts will be administered within the Highways and Engineering Section of Visible Services & Housing.

Resource Implications (Financial and Employment)

11. The estimate annual cost of the contract is between £650k and £750k and will be financed from various internal and / or external budgets approved for Highway improvement / maintenance schemes on an annual basis..

Sustainability and Climate Change Implications

12. Highway improvement/ maintenance schemes improve the condition and safety of the of the Council's local road network which in turn can increase the economic viability of the Vale of Glamorgan as a location.

Legal Implications (to Include Human Rights Implications)

13. The Council has a statutory duty to maintain the Highway pursuant to the Highways Act (1980). The Council also has statutory duty to improve the highway under the Road Traffic Act 1988 to reduce and prevent accidents wherever practicable

Crime and Disorder Implications

14. There are no Crime and Disorder Implications.

Equal Opportunities Implications (to include Welsh Language issues)

15. There are no Equal Opportunities Implications.

Corporate/Service Objectives

16. 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

17. This is a matter for Executive decision by Cabinet.

Consultation (including Ward Member Consultation)

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

Relevant Scrutiny Committee

19. Environment and Regeneration.

Background Papers

None.

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