

Report to CABINET

New Saddleworth School – Award of Contract for Main Highways Work

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Reason for Decision

The purpose of the report is to seek approval to award the contract for the Main Highways Works linked to the construction of the new Saddleworth School. A procurement process has been undertaken and completed in accordance with the Council's Contract Procedure Rules and Public Contract Regulations 2015. The route to market was the Council's Lot 20 of the Construction and Highways Works and Services Framework via The Chest Portal

Recommendations

That Cabinet approves the recommendations to award the contract for the Main Highways Works set out in Part B of the report.

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1 Background

- 1.1 In accordance with the planning consent for access and wider highway works at Diggle, required in connection with the new Saddleworth School a tender exercise for these works have now concluded. The procurement process has been undertaken and completed in accordance with the Council's Contract Procedure Rules and Public Contract Regulations 2015. The route to market was the Council's Lot 20 of the Construction and Highways Works and Services Framework via The Chest Portal.

2 Current Position

- 2.1 A total of 5 tenders were returned and evaluated on a cost, quality and Social value basis, with the weighting for Technical and quality 40%, Social Value 10% and cost 50%.

	Rank
Bid 1	Rank 5
Bid 2	Rank 1
Bid 3	Rank 2
Bid 4	Rank 3
Bid 5	Rank 4

- 2.2 As Bid 2 scored the highest aggregated score, it is recommended that the contract award goes to Bid 2

3 Options/Alternatives

- 3.1 Option 1 – Not to award the contract as recommended. The risk is the delay to the wider highway works which are required to be completed by the time the new school is occupied.
- 3.2 Option 2 - Is to award the contract as recommended in this report, which has been tendered in accordance with the Council's Contract Procedure Rules and Public Contract Regulations 2015. This will enable the wider highway works to be completed by the time the new school is occupied.

4 Preferred Option

The preferred option is Option 2 for the reasons given.

5 Consultation

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- 5.1 The Council has previously undertaken a consultation process which was outlined and reported on in March 2015 Cabinet Report. Statutory consultation has also been undertaken in respect to the planning consent for the proposed works.

6 Financial Implications

6.1 Capital Implications

- 6.1.1 As set out in Part B of this report.

7 Legal Services Comments

- 7.1 The Council has followed Rule 4.1 of its Contract Procedure Rules and used a mini competition under Lot 20 of its existing Construction and Highways Works and Services Framework Agreement to select the most economically advantageous tenderer to deliver the highways works required to discharge the planning consent. (Elizabeth Cunningham Doyle)

8. Co-operative Agenda

- 8.1 The improvement of education standards, especially at secondary level, is a key priority for the Council and in respect to the co-operative agenda is helping to deliver an inclusive economy where ambition and mobility is supported and encouraged. In terms of thriving communities, the new school will provide a stronger basis for improved partnerships and improved learning. As part of the procurement exercise the main contractor has committed to the Council's new Social Value Portal (SVP), which will evaluate the contractor's commitment to local labour, the local supply chain and other social benefits.

9 Risk Assessments

- 9.1 As set out in Part B of this report

10 IT Implications

- 10.1 N/A

11 Property Implications

- 11.1 None (Andrew Hall)

12 Procurement Implications

- 12.1 A competitive tender exercise was undertaken using the Council's Construction and Highways Works and Services Framework Agreement, Lot 20 – Major Works. The procurement process was fully compliant with the Public Contract Regulations 2015, EU Treaty Principles and the Council's Contract Procedure Rules. The result of the tender exercise and the recommendation of award is as detailed in section 2 of this report. (M.Hayes).

13 Environmental and Health & Safety Implications

- 13.1 These issues were considered in some detail within the March 2015 Cabinet Report.
- 13.2 Full compliance with the Construction (Design and Management) Regulations 2015 must be ensured throughout the project-through from design to construction. Suitably competent contractors must be appointed and monitored throughout the project. (L.Smith).

14 Equality, community cohesion and crime implications

- 14.1 S17 of the Crime and Disorder Act 1998 places a duty on the local authority to exercise its various functions with due regard to the likely effect of the exercise of those functions on, and the need to do all that it reasonably can to prevent, crime and disorder in its area (including anti-social and other behaviour adversely affecting the local environment).

Consideration should be given to crime reduction/prevention measures during any construction works and following completion, in order to reduce the potential for any adverse impact upon the community. (L.Kenny).

14 Equality Impact Assessment Completed?

- 14.1 An EIA has previously been completed in 2015 and highlighted the need to make provision for travel for low income pupils and to review any special transport requirements for any disabled pupils and staff.

15 Key Decision Reference

- 15.1 NEI-01-20

16 Background Papers

- 16.1 N/A

17 Appendices

- 17.1 N/A