

Oldham Carriageway Resurfacing Contract

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Reason for Decision

To award the Oldham Carriageway Resurfacing Contracts to the three winning submissions from J Hopkins Contractors Ltd, Rhodes & Sons Construction Ltd & Hanson Quarry Products Europe Ltd as a mechanism for delivery of the highway capital maintenance programmes across the borough of Oldham to a value not exceeding £15m.

Recommendations

Cabinet are asked to approve the award the Oldham Carriageway Resurfacing Framework as set out in tis report, and to approve all subsequent delegated approvals through the following process:

- The Director of Environment in consultation with the Portfolio Holder to award the individual call off contracts for the separate works packages under the Oldham Carriageway Preventative Maintenance contract.
- The Director of Legal Services to affix the Council's seal to the Oldham Carriageway Preventative Maintenance contract, any incidental and ancillary documentation, and to individual call off contracts under the Oldham Carriageway Preventative Maintenance contract.
- The Assistant Director of Highways & Engineering to award low value Call Off orders (<£50k) in line with Head of Service financial approval limits and in consultation with the Director of Environment, Portfolio Holder and Finance Officer.

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1 Background

- 1.1 The key objectives of awarding the Oldham Carriageway Resurfacing Framework are to:
- Facilitate the development, maintenance and regeneration of Oldham's adopted Highway Network
 - Improve the condition and attractiveness of the highway network and infrastructure for road users, including pedestrians and cyclists and promoting sustainable travel usage
 - Maintain the integrity of the highway network within Oldham
 - The objectives ensure Oldham can continue to align to the CRSTS & DfT Transparency Report
- 1.2 The Highways & Engineering team are increasing the delivery of highway maintenance scheme on the adopted highway network, in line with latest guidance and information circulated by the Department for Transport (DfT) and now seeks a replacement to the expired framework to ensure continued delivery of preventative maintenance schemes within the borough.
- 1.3 For Oldham Council to ensure continued compliance with DfT guidance and transparency reporting requirements, it is considered necessary to seek a framework to ensure delivery of specialised highway maintenance schemes as part of the capital delivery programme going forward.
- 1.4 The alternative process would be to approach the market in an open tender format annually for delivery of annual highway maintenance programmes. Typically, this can cause delays and postponements of delivery programmes due to the seasonal approach that is used when delivering preventative maintenance programmes.
- 1.5 The previous framework has now ended, and this replacement framework will see the approval of a contractor for the delivery of preventative maintenance schemes through to 2030/2031.

2 Current Position

- 2.1 The awarding of carriageway resurfacing works packages funded by the City Region Sustainable Transport Settlement (CRSTS) to multiple contractors via this new framework is the preferred method to ensure delivery windows and programmes can be met.
- 2.2 It is expected that the benefits will provide the Highways & Engineering team with the necessary delivery capability to ensure continuous delivery of highway maintenance programmes, and adherence to the latest Department for Transport (DfT) guidance and transparency reporting requirements.
- 2.3 The proposed way forward is to prepare reports seeking the approval of the Director of Environment in consultation with the relevant portfolio holder through appropriate delegation. All reports will contain views from Legal Services, Finance, Risk & Insurance and Procurement.
- 2.4 A Procurement exercise was undertaken, receiving 11 bids for the Oldham Carriageway Resurfacing Maintenance Framework. Through evaluation and further moderation, 3 winning

submissions were agreed, and this report seeks the approval, and appointment of those 3 contractors to the new Oldham Carriageway Resurfacing Framework.

3 Options/Alternatives

- 3.1 Option 1 – Award the Oldham Carriageway Resurfacing Framework to J Hopkins (Contractors) Ltd, Rhodes & Sons Construction Ltd & Hanson Quarry Products Europe Ltd T/A Heidelberg Materials UK and subsequent Delegated Approvals process
- 3.2 Option 2 – Do not award the Oldham Carriageway Resurfacing Framework to J Hopkins Contractors Ltd, Rhodes & Sons Construction Ltd & Hanson Quarry Products Europe Ltd and subsequent Delegated Approvals process however there will be significant implications for the borough's roads and by association Oldham's residents and communities. There would also be the risk of claw back on the grant allocations as the works would not be delivered within the predetermined timescales.

4 Preferred Option

- 4.1 Proceed with Option 1 and award the Oldham Carriageway Resurfacing Maintenance Framework and subsequent Call Off orders via the following Delegated Approval process:
- The Director of Environment in consultation with the Portfolio Holder to award the individual call off contracts for the separate works packages under the Oldham Carriageway Preventative Maintenance contract.
 - The Director of Legal Services to affix the Council's seal to the Oldham Carriageway Preventative Maintenance contract, any incidental and ancillary documentation, and to individual call off contracts under the Oldham Carriageway Preventative Maintenance contract.
 - The AD of Highways & Engineering to award low value Call Off orders (<£50k) in line with Head of Service financial approval limits and in consultation with the Director of Environment, Portfolio Holder and Finance Officer.

5 Consultation

- 5.1 Consultation will take place with ward members and residents / businesses once the programme is approved, to ensure awareness ahead of the works taking place.

6 Financial Implications

- 6.1 The costs associated with the award of the Oldham Carriageway Resurfacing Maintenance Framework will need to be closely monitored to ensure that the individual schemes can be delivered within the overall budget allocation. Individual appointments will be detailed in separate reports once they have been determined.

Leonnie Wharton-Brown, Senior Accountant Finance

7 **Legal Implications**

- 7.1 I agree the proposal is lawful and complies with the Council's Contract Procedure Rules following a compliant competition.

Bryan Boese – Solicitor, Legal Services

8. **Procurement Implications**

- 8.1 This was an open advertised tender whereby the Council received 11 bids for this opportunity. The bids were scored on a Price / Quality split of 60% Price, 30% Quality, and 10% Social Value. The three highest scoring bidders in no particular order to be awarded a place on this framework are - J Hopkins (Contractors) Ltd, Rhodes & Sons Construction Ltd & Hanson Quarry Products Europe Ltd T/A Heidelberg Materials UK. For each call off requirement up to £250,000 the Council will use the pricing provided to ascertain the best value contractor for each project. For call off requirements over £250,000 the Council will issue a further competition to all three suppliers.

Darren Judge, Procurement Team

9 **Equality Impact, including implications for Children and Young People**

- 9.1 N/A

10 **Key Decision**

- 10.1 Yes

11 **Key Decision Reference**

- 11.1 NEI-03-26

12 **Background Papers**

- 12.1 None

13 **Appendices**

- 13.1 None

