

# Portfolio Holder for Local Transport

## Briefing

<b>Subject</b>	Renewal and Procurement of Traffic Signals Controllers Contract
<b>Date</b>	17 <sup>th</sup> February 2020

<b>Purpose</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>To brief the Portfolio Holder on the tendering process for the new Traffic Signal Controller Contract</li> </ul>
<b>Recommendation</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>To approve the procurement of a new Traffic Signals Controller contract</li> <li>To approve the collaborative procurement process of the Traffic Signals Controller contract with Notts CC for the reasons given above</li> </ul>
<b>Background</b>	<p><u>Current Traffic Signal Controller Contract</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Nottinghamshire County Council (Notts CC) and Nottingham City Council are seeking tenders for the supply and installation of Traffic Signal Controllers and Miscellaneous Equipment such as detection packs and outstation monitoring units</li> <li>The purpose of this tender is to award a framework contract to a single supplier able to provide the supply and installation of Traffic Signal Controllers and Miscellaneous Equipment as and when required by Nottingham City Council</li> <li>The Council's current traffic signal controller contract with Siemens will operate until the end of March 2020. A new contract is required to commence operation on 1<sup>st</sup> April 2020</li> <li>The Council's current expenditure on the existing contract is dependent upon the availability of Capital spending which fluctuates from year to year in the current financial climate. However, this can amount to up to £80,000 per annum in total Capital and Revenue spending.</li> <li>Controllers are needed when new signalised junctions or crossings are constructed, the replacement controller programme is needed to upgrade current junctions and crossing so that they become more efficient in controlling traffic which leads to lower congestion levels and improved air quality</li> <li>Traffic Signal Controllers are very specific to the industry and without them junctions and crossing will not operate safely. There is also a requirement to install the latest software which as mentioned above helps relieve congestion, improve air quality and ensure junctions and crossings run more efficiently and help to Keep Nottingham Moving</li> </ul> <p><u>Proposed procurement of new Traffic Signals Controller Contract</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Notts CC and Nottingham City Council are working again towards a collaborative tendering process, led by Notts CC, on behalf of both authorities</li> <li>The collaboration will co-ordinate a competitive tendering process following the OJEU procedure and it is anticipated this contract will enable the Council to obtain a contract in relation to the Traffic Signal Controller Contract</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• It is currently intended that the new contract will provide the core and additional services such as wiring the controller for an initial period of 3 years, thereafter renewable by agreement by a maximum of two 1-year periods subject to satisfactory performance by the contractor</li> <li>• An estimated contract value over the proposed 3 + 1 + 1 years is up to £400,000 in total for Nottingham City Council only. Funds will be provided from the appropriate revenue budgets and capital schemes</li> </ul> <p><u>Proposed structure of new Traffic Signals Controller Contract</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Once the contract is awarded, Nottingham City Council will embark on their own program of replacement controllers. It will also enable Nottingham City Council to purchase controllers for new schemes such as the new road lay out for the Southside Redevelopment project as well as refurbishment of existing junctions and crossings</li> </ul>
<b>Options</b>	<p>To co-ordinate and collaborate with Nottinghamshire County Council in the process of procuring a new Traffic Signals Controllers contract as detailed in the background. The benefits of this approach would be as follows:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The tendering process risk sits with Notts CC, not Nottingham City Council</li> <li>2. A savings of resources, which would otherwise have to be allocated into a dedicated tendering process for Nottingham City Council</li> <li>3. Opportunity to obtain greater value for money as a collaboration with one principal contractor</li> <li>4. Familiarity with the collaborative process under which the current contract was procured carries over to the procurement of the new contract</li> <li>5. Best route to obtaining a smooth and clear continuity in essential services at the end of the current contract into the new</li> </ol>
<b>Next steps</b>	<p>If the recommendations are accepted:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Allows Nottingham City Council to embark on their controller replacement programme for end of life equipment</li> <li>• Allows Nottingham City Council to procure the latest controller technology on programmes such as the Southside redevelopment project</li> <li>• Allows Nottingham City Council to replace damaged controller units in road traffic collisions ASAP and claim the insurance monies at a later date</li> <li>• To complete the above by the end of the current Traffic Controller contract which expires on 31<sup>st</sup> March 2020</li> </ul>