

## **NCC -Enviroenergy Scaffolding & General Labour Procurement**

### **Summary –**

Nottingham City Council owns and operates the largest district heating network in the UK, delivering heat and power to over 5000 domestic and commercial customers across the city. The London Road Heat Station is over 50 years old and continual maintenance and servicing is required to ensure the network operates at optimum availability. At present there is a need for a full-time scaffolding contractor to have staff on site 5 days per week to construct scaffolding to enable general maintenance duties at the site to be delivered.

Due to the age of the plant, there is a requirement for scaffolding to be erected on a day-to-day basis to ensure the safe maintenance of high-level assets at the plant. Due to the nature of the plant, there is high pressure steam, high voltage electricity areas to be worked on. This requires specialist scaffolding contractors with the relevant certification and skills to deliver this work. There is now a requirement to procure this specialist contractor which is critical to the current maintenance regime to ensure there is not a major failure occur on the plant or system. Permanent resource available enables immediate response to emergency repairs so that downtime is minimised, and heat and power supply can be restored in the shortest possible timeframe.

Failure to have this service in place will lead to delays in getting the turbine running after downtime, delays in getting the heat supply back to customers properties and could lead to the network having to be shutdown. If the network is shutdown, this will mean a loss of income to NCC Enviroenergy.

It is recommended that a tender exercise is completed for a new contract for an initial 3-year period with an optional extension for another 1 plus 1 years, with a maximum contract length being 5 years.

### **Recommendation -**

Approve spend of approximately £700k against this contract for the full duration including any extension which will on a 3 years plus 1 year, plus 1 year basis, giving a total contract length of 5 years.

Approve the tendering and awarding of a new contract for NCC Enviroenergy Scaffolding & General Labour through a compliant procurement process.

Delegate authority to the Corporate Director of Communities, Environment & Resident Services, to award this contract for works as detailed in the summary of issues and, for the Corporate Director of Communities, Environment & Resident Services to sign the contract upon award.

### **Next Steps –**

Once approval to proceed is in place, engagement with the procurement team will progress to a procurement activity securing the successful contractor for this contract award.