

Nottingham City Council Delegated Decision



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Subject:	Reinstatement Coring Programme
Total Value:	£540000 (Type: Revenue)
Decision Being Taken:	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. To approve the procurement process for a coring programme for Nottingham City Council's Highway Network.2. That approval is given for the Director of Planning & Transportation to have delegated authority to approve the outcome of the procurement process and award the contract.
Reasons for the Decision(s)	<p>The current contract for testing highway reinstatements came to an end in November 2015, and therefore in line with Council Financial Regulations and procurement procedures a competitive tender is required for the programme to continue in 2016. The aim of the coring programme is to improve the service performance of Statutory Undertakers with regards to reinstatement works carried out on the highway and to ensure the integrity of the highway network and its asset is maintained. The coring programme will vastly improve the build quality of reinstatements on the highway, this in turn will reduce the risk of pot holes, depressions and remedial works on the highway.</p> <p>The successful provider must complete between 75 to 300 cores per month to meet NCC requirements to improve and manage the Councils highway network. The contract will be for a period of two years with the option to extend for a further two years on a one plus one basis.</p> <p>Under the Highway Authority & Utility Committee (HAUC) guidance for coring, all reasonable costs may be recovered from the utility providers for the coring programme.</p>

Other Options Considered:

Do nothing and maintain the status quo with statutory undertakers in reinstating the roads. However this will not address the concerns and costs in relation to repairing failed reinstatements. It also affects Nottingham City Council's ability to maintain an adequate highway network and undertake its network management duties.

Continue with current contract. The current contract expired in November 2015. Under Nottingham City Councils financial regulations this will not be possible. A procurement process is required to award a contract of this size.

Undertake the works in house. There has been an internal review of this option and this was not found to be commercially viable based on the volume of work generated by the programme.

Background Papers:

Published Works:

DD1021 Reinstatement Coring Programme

Affected Wards:

Citywide

Colleague / Councillor Interests:

N/A

Consultations:

Those not consulted are not directly affected by the decision.

Crime and Disorder Implications:

N/A

Equality:

EIA not required. Reasons: No change in the current service.

Decision Type:

Portfolio Holder

Subject to Call In:

Yes

Call In Expiry date:

21/04/2016

Advice Sought:

Legal, Finance, Procurement

Legal Advice: There are no legal issues arising with the proposal set out in the report. Legal advice and support will be provided as required in respect of the tendering process and the preparation of contractual terms.

Advice provided by Naomi Vass (Senior Solicitor) on 18/06/2015. Advice provided by Malcolm Townroe (Legal Services Manager) on 31/03/2016.

Finance Advice: This decision seeks approval to undertake a procurement process and to incur expenditure totalling £0.540m in respect of the reinstatement coring programme.

A procurement process will be undertaken in accordance with the Council's financial regulations to ensure value for money.

The expenditure incurred on this activity will be recovered from external organisations such as utility providers as allowed for under the Highway Authority & Utility Committee guidance. The Traffic & Safety team will need to put in place appropriate monitoring measures to ensure expenditure incurred by the Council is fully recovered in order to avoid an overspend.

Advice provided by Maria Balchin (Finance Analyst) on 09/06/2015.
Advice provided by Maria Balchin (Finance Analyst) on 22/03/2016.

Procurement Advice: An Open OJEU (Official Journal of the European Community) tender process will be undertaken to source this contract and Procurement will support the exercise to ensure that a compliant value for money contract is agreed.

Advice provided by Paul Ritchie (Procurement Category Manager) on 29/03/2016.

Signatures

Nick McDonald (Portfolio Holder for Jobs, Growth and Transport)
SIGNED and Dated: 14/04/2016
David Bishop (Deputy CE, CD for Development and Growth)
SIGNED and Dated: 22/03/2016