

# KENT COUNTY COUNCIL - RECORD OF DECISION

**DECISION TAKEN BY**

Cabinet and Leader

**DECISION NO.**

10/01438

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**Subject:**

**Award of Contracts Procured under Competitive Tender to Deliver Repairs to Weather Damaged Roads**

**Decision:**

(i) At its meeting on 11 January 2010 the Cabinet approved an additional sum of at least £1m should be allocated for the repair of weather damaged roads.

(ii) At its meeting on 29 March 2010 the Cabinet received a further report which provided an update on progress and the planned approach to delivering repairs with externally tendered contractors. It was also reported orally that the Government had recently announced an allocation of some £100m to help local authorities cover the costs of repairing winter damaged roads and that the County Council's proportion of that allocation amounted to some £2.44m.

(iii) The Cabinet authorised the Leader to take the formal decision on the selection of the preferred contractors, and subject to the Executive Director for Environment, Highways and Waste being satisfied as to the detailed terms and conditions he was authorised to sign the contracts on behalf of the County Council.

(iv) Cabinet also agreed that initially the budget for repairs to weather damaged roads should be set at £2m and that this figure should be reviewed after 4 weeks from the start of the contracts and then for the budget allocation to be increased as deemed appropriate.

(v) Taking into account this decision and on the advice of officers as to the suitability of each tender submitted the Leader has confirmed the award of a contract for the repair of weather damaged roads in Kent to the companies set out in the appendix to this decision. The commencement date for each contract has been agreed as being 12 April 2010.

**Any Interest Declared when the Decision was Taken**

none

**Reasons for decision, including alternatives considered and any additional information**

As set out above and in the report to Cabinet of 29 March 2010.

**Background Documents: report to Cabinet 29 March 2010**

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signed

1 April 2010

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date

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Decision Referred to Cabinet Scrutiny			
YES		NO	

Cabinet Scrutiny Decision to Refer Back for Reconsideration			
YES		NO	

Reconsideration Record Sheet Issued			
YES		NO	

Reconsideration of Decision Published			

## **Appendix**

### **WEATHER DAMAGED ROAD REPAIRS – DECISION TO AWARD TENDERS**

#### **Contract Process**

Following a widespread media campaign and publication of tenders on the South East Business Portal, Contractors were invited to apply for a pre-qualification pack and those that passed the initial assessment of suitability were sent tender documents on 12 March, and these were returned on 26 March.

The tender assessment process was agreed with KCC corporate procurement team and is in line with KCC procurement and finance procedures.

The tender submissions were scored based on price and quality, with a weighting of 75%/25% being attributed respectively.

#### **How the works will be undertaken**

The contractors will work on a "find and fix" basis using up to 5 separate gangs in each district, according to the size of the district. The contractors will be able to work up to 7 days a week between 7am and 7pm. Kent Highway Services officers will deploy the contractors, giving instructions to ensure the highest priority areas are targeted.

The initial focus will be a concentrated attack on minor roads (including rural and estate roads) which make up 71% of the total (6,100km) and a higher proportion in terms of need. Work will continue in parallel, as appropriate, through the term maintenance contractor, Ringway.

The contract requires the repairs to be permanent, and there is a 3 month defects correction period written into the contract. The contractor will be expected to saw cut a regular edge to the repair, coat the opening with tack coat, and compact the new asphalt with the correct item of plant.

Whilst undertaking the works, gangs will be visited on a regular basis by KHS staff. They will be monitoring progress of the crews and ensuring that they undertake the works to the correct quality and are making the correct decisions about the repairs being undertaken.

Each day the contractor will return details of the repairs that they have undertaken. These records will be used to monitor the rate of spend on a daily basis, and will be reviewed by KHS staff. The contractors will be taking photographs before and after the repairs and providing a schedule of the works undertaken.

## Public and Member Input

It is important that members, parish/town councils and members of the public can continue to highlight roads that are in need of repair. In order to make this successful and give an understanding of where the high priority areas are, KHS is using internal and external publicity to encourage people to report faults online at [www.kent.gov.uk/KHSFaults](http://www.kent.gov.uk/KHSFaults).

## Contract Award

Following a robust tendering and assessment process, in line with Kent County Council financial and procurement procedures, tender submissions were scored. It is recommended that the following contracts should be awarded :-

Ashford	Walker Construction (UK) Ltd
Canterbury	Walker Construction (UK) Ltd
Dartford	FM Conway Ltd
Dover	Skelton Contractors Ltd
Gravesham	FM Conway Ltd
Maidstone	Steadline Ltd
Sevenoaks	Ringway Infrastructure Services
Shepway	Gary Mason (Civil Engineering Ltd)
Swale	Ringway Infrastructure Services
Thanet	Skelton Contractors Ltd
Tonbridge & Malling	A.R. Cook and Son Ltd
Tunbridge Wells	A.R. Cook and Son Ltd