

KENT COUNTY COUNCIL – PROPOSED RECORD OF DECISION

DECISION TO BE TAKEN BY:

David Brazier, Cabinet Member for Highways and Transport

DECISION NO:

23/00052

For publication

Key decision

Subject Matter / Title of Decision: Works Asset Management System Procurement

Decision:

As Cabinet Member for Highways and Transport, I agree to:

- a) award the Works Asset Management System (WAMs) contract to Brightly Software Limited from 28th June 2023, for a period of 3 years, with potential for a 1-year extension until 27th June 2027; and
- b) delegate authority to the Director for Highways and Transportation to take other relevant actions, including but not limited to finalising the terms of and entering into required contracts or other legal agreements, as necessary to implement the decision.

Reason(s) for decision:

The current contract expires on 27th June 2023. Highways and Transportation must have an adequate works asset management system to enable it to organise workloads, interact with the public and maintain its successful asset management approach. Without the system capital grants via the incentive fund could be placed at risk as well as impact on the department complying with its statutory obligations.

Cabinet Committee recommendations and other consultation:

Members of Environment and Transport Cabinet Committee will consider and discuss the proposed decision at their meeting on 23 May.

Any alternatives considered and rejected:

1. **Do Nothing:** Allow the Current Contract to lapse. Kent County Council would no longer have ongoing support for this solution, posing a significant risk to its operational activities within the Highways service area. This needs to be linked to the Highway Act 1980 and out asset management approach etc. This supports this work. **Discounted.**
2. **Extension of current contract:** There are no remaining contract extensions, permissible in accordance with the Public Contracts Regulations 2015. **Discounted.**
3. **Conduct an open competitive tender process in accordance with the PCR15.** Market engagement has identified limited alternative solutions within the market that provides all functionality required by the Authority. To move to an alternative solution would incur significant migration, implementation, configuration and training costs which outweigh any potential saving conducting a competitive process. **Discounted.**

Any interest declared when the decision was taken and any dispensation granted by the Proper Officer:

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signed

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