

KENT COUNTY COUNCIL –RECORD OF DECISION

DECISION TAKEN BY:

Neil Baker, Cabinet Member for Highways and Transport

DECISION NO:

24/00043

For publication

Key decision: YES / NO

Subject Matter / Road Asset Renewal Contract

Decision:

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

- (i) APPROVE the procurement and contract award of a zero value Road Asset Renewal contract;
- (ii) DELEGATE authority to the Director of Highways and Transportation, to take relevant actions to facilitate the required procurement activity;
- (iii) DELEGATE authority to the Director of Highways and Transportation, in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Highways and Transport, to take relevant actions, including but not limited to, awarding, finalising the terms of and entering into the relevant contracts or other legal agreements, as necessary, to implement the decision; and
- (iv) DELEGATE authority to the Director of Highways and Transportation, in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Highways and Transport, to award any extensions of the contract in accordance with the extension clauses within the contract, part of which includes market testing to ensure any extension(s) continue to provide best value to the authority

Reason(s) for decision:

The delivery of road asset renewal works is a vital part of the Council's approach to highway maintenance, as set out in KCC's Highways Asset Management Plan for 2021/22-2025/26, which helps us to demonstrate that we are a competent highway authority and are fulfilling our duty under the Highways Act 1980 to maintain a safe network.

Cabinet Committee recommendations and other consultation:

Members of the Environment and Transport Cabinet Committee considered and endorsed the proposal at their meeting on 21 May 2024 subject to the subject to the removal of "+ up to 5 years extension" in the last bullet point.

Following the meeting the wording has been amended to remove this wording and state a clear commitment to undertake market testing as part of any consideration for contract extensions.

Any alternatives considered and rejected:

Other approaches have been discounted as they would not achieve the right conditions to maximise best value whilst maintaining quality standards. They would also not encourage and maximise materials innovation and cost-effective investment in plant and equipment to contribute to carbon reduction.

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

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None



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Date 6 June 2024