FORTHCOMING EXECUTIVE DECISIONS LIST SUBMISSION

Reference: 15/00073 Key? Yes

Reason? Expenditure in excess of £1m

Title Maintenance of traffic system assets

Proposed decision

As the current Traffic Signals maintenance contract is to expire in March 2016, HT&W seek approval to procure and award a new contract to maintain traffic systems commencing 1 April 2016 for five years with an optional extension of five years. The full tender process is currently underway.

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Decision details

Decision taker: Cabinet Member for Environment and Transport

Expected date: 16 September 2015

Further information

Include details of the proposed decision including but not necessarily exclusively:

It is been proposed by HT&W to procure a contract to maintain traffic systems assets throughout Kent commencing 1 April 2016 for five years with an optional extension of a further five years. A full tender process is currently underway for this contract procurement as the existing service reaches its maximum permitted term with Telent and ceases on 31st March 2016.

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There are no other options than to procure a maintenance contract, Traffic Systems and associated assets are highly technical which require specialist maintenance programmes. It would be detrimental to the KCC as it has a statutory responsibility to maintain the assets on the highway network.

As Traffic Signals and associated traffic systems create an efficient transport network, which is essential to support sustainable housing and employment growth – these outcomes meet the objectives of 'Increasing Opportunities, Improving Outcomes: set within Kent County Council's Strategic Statement (2015-2020)'

Financial Implications:

The contract anticipates average annual budgeted expenditure of £900k of revenue funding and capital investment in the asset of approximately £500k per year.

Legal Implications:

Legal have been consulted regarding any TUPE issues and have provided appropriate clauses for the contract documentation. It is expected that TUPE applies, although no staff are, or have been, employed in Local Government.

Equality Implications:

There are no equality implications; the contract will operate under similar terms and conditions as the current arrangements. All traffic systems assets are designed to improve road safety for

all users and specifically provide features to help those with sight and mobility impairments.

Consultation

Is any consultation planned or has already been undertaken?

Procurement Board on 31 March 2015 with approval to proceed

Cabinet Committee consultation planned or undertaken. If planned – which meeting do you wish to attend

Environment and Transport 16 September 2015

Which Divisions / Local Members are particularly affected:

All electoral divisions as these assets exist throughout Kent.

Views will be sought and included in any report to Cabinet Committee / Cabinet Member.

Exemptions

Is it expected that the Press and Public will be excluded for all or part of the discussion of the decision or that all or part of the decision documents will be exempt from publication? What is likely to be the reason for this exemption?

Not Applicable

Supporting documents

Please list, and link or attach, any documents that the decision taker is likely to rely on in taking the decision

None

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