

KENT COUNTY COUNCIL – RECORD OF DECISION

DECISION TO BE TAKEN BY:

Neil Baker, Cabinet Member for Highways and Transport

DECISION NO:

23/00058

For publication

Key decision

Subject Matter / Title of Decision: Highway Term Maintenance Service Contract

Decision:

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

- a) a new contract is awarded to Amey for 32 months;
- b) give delegation to the Corporate Director of Growth, Environment and Transport in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Highways and Transport to take relevant actions including but not limited to entering into contracts and other legal agreements, as necessary to implement the decision; and
- c) agree to the proposed procurement timeline for the replacement contract.

Reason(s) for decision:

KCC has a legal duty to maintain its respective sections of the highway network under section 41 of the Highways Act 1980 and this demands continuity of operational service. Many of these services are delivered through a Highway Term Maintenance Contract (HTMC) with Amey Highways Ltd. The current contract expires on 31 August 2023. A new contract is needed to be in place from 1 September 2023. Several key services are delivered through this contract including:

- **Winter Service Provision** – i.e. gritting of our major routes during freezing conditions.
- **Drainage Maintenance and Capital Projects** – i.e. gully cleansing and drainage repairs.
- **Structures Maintenance** – i.e. bridge repairs and construction.
- **Patching and Small Resurfacing Services** – i.e. pothole and surface defect repairs.
- **Surface Treatments** – i.e. road and footway surface preservation and life extension.
- **Emergency Response** – i.e. supporting emergency services in response to incidents across the network including weather events and structural failure.
- **Highway Schemes Delivery** – i.e. construction of highway improvement schemes, including those for crash remedial measures and s106 requirements.

Cabinet Committee recommendations and other consultation:

Due to timing for the contract to be in place from 1 September, the decision was taken between meetings of the Environment and Transport Cabinet Committee. A briefing for members of the Environment and Transport Cabinet Committee was held on 18 August to give Members the opportunity to ask questions.

Any alternatives considered and rejected:

Exit from the contract and procure on disaggregated smaller contracts.

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

None.

N. Baker

21/08/2023

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signed

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date