

KENT COUNTY COUNCIL – RECORD OF DECISION

DECISION TAKEN BY

Paul Carter

Leader and Cabinet Member for Traded Services and Health Reform

DECISION NO:

17/00124

For publication

Key decision*

Yes –

Subject: Highway Term Maintenance Contract and Road Asset Renewal Contract

Decision:

As Leader and Cabinet Member for Traded Services and Health Reform, I agree to:

- give approval for awarding a two year extension with Amey until 31 August 2020;
- in consultation with the Leader and the Cabinet Member for Planning, Highways, Transport and Waste, delegate authority to the Corporate Director for Growth, Environment and Transport to award the final available year extension with Amey up to 31 August 2021;
- approve the procurement of the Road Asset Renewal Contract, and in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Planning, Highways, Transport and Waste, delegate authority to the Corporate Director for Growth, Environment and Transport to approve the award of the subsequent contract to the preferred bidder; and
- in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Planning, Highways, Transport and Waste, delegate authority to the Corporate Director for Growth, Environment and Transport to award extensions of the Road Asset Renewal Contract in accordance with the possible extension clauses within the contract.

Reason(s) for decision:

KCC is the statutory Authority responsible for the delivery of highways services to Kent residents. Many of these services are delivered through a Highways Term Maintenance Contract (HTMC) with AMEY. The current contract expires in August 2018. Alongside this, the Machine Resurfacing Contract (MRC) provided by Eurovia is also due to end in June 2018. Following a commissioning review of these services, it is proposed to extend the HTMC for a period of two years and to re-procure the MRC.

Cabinet Committee recommendations and other consultation:

In progressing options, workshops have been held with colleagues, investigations carried out in to best practice with other local authorities and engagement with the market.

The proposed decision was considered and endorsed by the Environment and Transport Cabinet Committee on 30 November 2017 by 13 votes for and 4 votes against.

It was agreed that a contract performance report would come back to the Cabinet Committee for review after 12 months.

Comments from Liberal Democrat Group:

Mr Bird requested that his objection to the decision be noted and that the following concerns in relation to the previous decision taken, be recorded as follows:

“A decision taken in September 2015 (14/00142) and it’s supplementary report stated that the Contractor should not be recommended for a 5 full year term unless ‘demonstrably sustainable’ improvements were evident. In the view of the Liberal Democrat Group, no sustained improvement has taken place, nor has this been made evident to Members.

In addition to this the signed record of decision stated that H,T & W would seek full Member engagement on future service options and I do not believe that that has taken place.

Finally, the commissioning contract went to the Commissioning Advisory Board and a certain option was supported by Members and minuted. However, this was not recorded in the report which was presented to the Cabinet Committee and no reference to Member preference was provided.

In general, not all proposals for full Member engagement on all potential options have been demonstrated by the then Cabinet Member and they have not been followed in the past or present decision making process.”

He also said that all of the aforementioned points were raised in the Cabinet Committee discussion on 30th November.

Any alternatives considered:

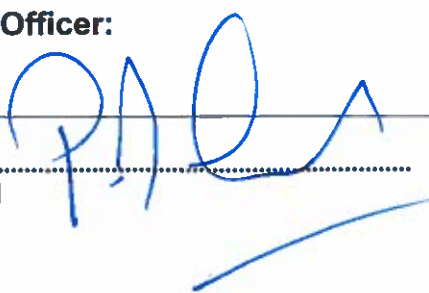
Option 1 – Extend the current arrangement with the incumbent contractor for up to a maximum three year period and commission a new road asset renewal contract. This is the recommended option.

Option 2 – Commission a large scale contract that incorporates all services as detailed in the report.

Option 3 – Commission a number a contracts that includes a core highway maintenance contract (supports winter service) and a number of separate arrangements for specialist services.

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

None



signed



date

Name: