

# KENT COUNTY COUNCIL – RECORD OF DECISION

**DECISION TAKEN BY:**

Michael Payne, Cabinet Member for Highways and Transport

**DECISION NO:**

20/00011

For publication

**Key decision\***

Expenditure or savings of > £1m

**Subject: Title of Decision:** HTW Professional Services Framework Contract

**Decision:**

As Cabinet Member for Highways and Transport, I agree to provide the Director of Highways Transportation & Waste the delegated authority to enter into appropriate contractual arrangements for the provision of technical environmental professional services Framework contract, including any possible future extensions.

**Reason(s) for decision:**

H&T has a duty to ensure the effective discharge of the Council's statutory duties and powers as Local Transport & Highway Authority, including the duty of care to help ensure safe passage for all road users. Our focus is on improving lives by ensuring every pound spent in Kent is delivering better outcomes for Kent's residents, communities and businesses.

In order to deliver its duties to the community, HTW requires a professional engineering services contract. Kent needs a flexible, resilient mechanism to seamlessly access a source of multidisciplinary technical expertise to guarantee the timely delivery of projects and schemes for the fulfilment of HTW's statutory duties as the Highway Authority.

This will be achieved through entering into a professional services framework contract with multiple suppliers.

**Cabinet Committee recommendations and other consultation:**

Market engagement and benchmarking with other Local Authorities to test the supplier's capacity and business delivery models was conducted to ensure KCC fully understood the supply chain to develop an appropriate way forward prior to undertaking competitive procurement.

The proposal was discussed and endorsed by Members of the Environment and Transport Cabinet Committee at their meeting on 23 January.

**Any alternatives considered:**

Two other options were considered:

- To procure a large-scale contract with a single provider.
- Continued use of the existing national frameworks.

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

None

  
signed

13.02.2020  
date