

**REPORT TO:** Executive Board

**DATE:** 14 April 2022

**REPORTING OFFICER:** Strategic Director Enterprise, Community & Resources

**PORTFOLIO:** Environmental and Urban Renewal

**SUBJECT:** Highways Capital Improvement Term Contract Tender

**WARDS:** Borough-wide

## **1.0 PURPOSE OF THE REPORT**

1.1 The purpose of the report is to inform the Board that the Council is about to commence a procurement process with regards the provision of a Term Maintenance Contract for the implementation of works and projects to deliver reactive, routine and planned highway works across the Borough. Given the value of the contract the Council's Constitution requires that the Executive Board is informed at the beginning that such a tendering process is to commence.

**2.0 RECOMMENDATION: That Members note the intention to undertake a procurement exercise via The Chest with the purpose of securing an NEC4 Term Services Contract for the delivery of routine, reactive and planned highway improvement works across the borough.**

## **3.0 SUPPORTING INFORMATION**

3.1 The tendering of this contract would allow Halton Borough Council as the Highway Authority to delivery its current and future revenue and capital Highway maintenance works. There is, therefore, a need to make arrangements to secure a new contract to replace the existing contract which ends on 31<sup>st</sup> May 2023.

3.2 It is proposed that the new tender is set up for a 6 year period with an option to award a further 4 no. one year extensions to give a possible maximum of ten years. The anticipated tender date is mid July 2022 with a commencement date being 1<sup>st</sup> June 2023.

3.3 Based on current funding via LCRCA, it is anticipated that the annual value of the contracts in total is likely to be in the region of £ 4.0m thus making the value of a ten year contract in the order £40.0m. This figure is above the Public Contract Regulations 2015 threshold value and will be tendered accordingly. The restricted procedure will be used whereby a Pre-Qualification Questionnaire is released first and assessed with those successful tenderers completing a final submission.

- 3.4 The tender submissions will be evaluated on both price and quality; this being on a 40% price, 60% quality ratio and the most economically advantageous tender will be reported to this Board.
- 3.5 The cost of the works delivered through this contract will be met from approved budget allocations for revenue and capital funding received via the LCR Sustainable Transport Settlement which replaces the previous Integrated Transport Block and Highway Maintenance Block allocations.
- 3.6 The existing contract has been utilised to deliver the Highways Term Maintenance which includes all routine, reactive and planned maintenance on the Highway. Its intended that this contract will continue to deliver these works in the future.

#### **4.0 POLICY IMPLICATIONS**

- 4.1 The method of procurement fits with the Council's procurement policy, the tender process being carried out in conjunction with the Procurement Centre of Excellence, using 'The Chest' procurement portal.

#### **5.0 OTHER IMPLICATIONS**

- 5.1 None.

#### **6.0 IMPLICATIONS FOR THE COUNCIL'S PRIORITIES**

##### **6.1 Children and Young People in Halton**

None

##### **6.2 Employment, Learning and Skills in Halton**

Well maintained Highways ensure that the public can travel quickly and easily on the Highway network.

##### **6.3 A Healthy Halton**

Well maintained Highways ensure and encourage the public to walk and cycle around the Borough, improving their Health and hence develop healthier lifestyles.

##### **6.4 A Safer Halton**

Well maintained Highways ensure that footways ensure are safe for pedestrians to utilise, vehicles to drive along and cyclists to ride upon.

## **6.5 Halton's Urban Renewal**

Well maintained highways help to ensure the borough remains attractive to inward investment and existing businesses.

## **7.0 RISK ANALYSIS**

Failure to procure a replacement contract would mean that the delivery of Highway capital funded projects would fail to meet funding deadlines leading to decreased opportunity to bid successfully for future funding.

## **8.0 EQUALITY AND DIVERSITY ISSUES**

None

## **9.0 LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS UNDER SECTION 100D OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1972**

There are no background papers under the meaning of the Act.