

REPORT TO: Executive Board

DATE: 20 October 2022

REPORTING OFFICER: Operational Director Community and Environment

PORTFOLIO: Environment and Urban Renewal

SUBJECT: Environment Services Dynamic Purchasing System

WARD(S): Borough-wide

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

The purpose of the report is to seek Members' approval to proceed with a procurement process with regards to the provision of an Environment Services Dynamic Purchasing System (DPS).

2. RECOMMENDED: That Members approve that a procurement process be undertaken with the purpose of creating an Environment Services Dynamic Purchasing System.

3. SUPPORTING INFORMATION

- 3.1 The Environment Services Division construction works DPS is utilised to source landscape contractors to carry out construction works in the borough's parks, playgrounds and open spaces. The Division's existing DPS will come to an end on 31st March 2023.
- 3.2 It is proposed that a new Environment Services DPS is set up for an initial period of 4 Years. There is no specific minimum or maximum duration of a DPS and the DPS period can be amended (extended, shortened or terminated) subject to the notification on the relevant Find a Tender FPS standard form.
- 3.3 The DPS will be divided into appropriate 'lots' of work that cover landscape and minor civil engineering works that may be required. There would be an initial setup phase of the DPS which will involve inviting Contractors to participate. Contractors admitted onto the DPS will be offered opportunities to tender for individual contracts in the form of further competitions throughout the term of the DPS.
- 3.4 Based upon previous expenditure, it is anticipated that the total annual value of the further competition exercises tendered via the Environment Services Division DPS is likely to be up to £1.5m; thus making the value of a 4 year contract up to £6m .This figure is above the Public Contract Regulation threshold and, as such, it will need to be procured in accordance with the Public Contract Regulations 2015. The cost of any works will be met from a variety of sources including, but not

limited to, existing budgets, external grants, section 106 Agreements and the INEOS Environmental Fund.

4.0 POLICY IMPLICATIONS

- 4.1 The proposed method of procurement is in line with the Council's procurement Policy and the e-tender process would be carried out in conjunction with the Procurement Centre of Excellence, using 'The Chest' procurement portal.

5. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 5.1 The financial implications are covered within the report.

6. POLICY IMPLICATIONS

- 6.1 No direct impact.

7. OTHER IMPLICATIONS

- 7.1 The Dynamic Purchasing System will ensure that the Council continues to deliver the necessary repair and refurbishment works to parks playgrounds and open space infrastructure in a timely fashion and will also help with the delivery of the Council's aims and objectives to deliver and maintain high quality accessible open space.

8. IMPLICATIONS FOR THE COUNCIL'S PRIORITIES

8.1 Children and Young People in Halton

No direct impact

8.2 Employment, Learning and Skills in Halton

Local contractors will be encouraged to join the Environment Services Division Dynamic Purchasing System and the letting of any contracts may therefore help contribute to employment within the borough.

8.3 A Healthy Halton

No direct impact.

8.4 A Safer Halton

- 8.4.1 No direct impact.

8.5 Halton's Urban Renewal

The works undertaken as part of the DPS contribute to maintaining a high standard of care for the Borough's urban fabric.

9.0 RISK ANALYSIS

Failure to put replacement contracts in place by 1st December 2022 could potentially leave the Council without access to contractors to carry out essential works.

10.0 EQUALITY AND DIVERSITY ISSUES

10.1 There are no equality and diversity issues as a result of this report.

11.0 LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS UNDER SECTION 100D OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1972

There are no papers under the meaning of the Act.