



DECISION OF DIRECTOR OF DEVELOPMENT AND ENVIRONMENT

DECISION NO. 15/16 DE 255

SUBJECT:

Half Yard, Wrington – Carriageway Repairs

Background:

North Somerset Council is committed to delivering its capital programme in line with our asset management policy. This year's highway maintenance programme is £5.5M of investment in the road network.

The basis of the asset management plan is to intervene earlier in the life of a road using cheaper treatments to extend the life of the road. Half Yard at Wrington is identified in the 2015/16 maintenance programme for pre-surface dressing patching, followed by a surface dressing in 2016/17.

DECISION:

To directly award the required works to LGP Surfacing in the sum of £42,000

Reasons:

To enable the delivery of the maintenance programme in 2015/16 and enable Half yard to remain on the programme for surface dressing in 2016/17.

The works falls within the scope of the council's term maintenance contract with Balfour Beatty Living Places (BBLP). The term maintenance contract with BBLP expires on the 31 March 2016, however as part of their demobilisation process BBLP has advised that they will not be undertaking any scheme work after the 22 March 2016. This scheme was due for delivery on the 23 March.

In order to keep to our programme and commitments officers in Highways Operations have approached BBLP's resurfacing contractor directly and have asked whether he would be prepared to deliver the scheme, and honour the rates within the existing BBLP contract. He has advised that he is willing to do so.

There is provision within contract standing orders to seek an exception from their requirements where:

S5.2.7 Purchases required as a matter of urgency resulting from an incident which could not have been foreseen. Lack of forward planning will not constitute an emergency.

The use of this exemption is considered justified because of the urgency to commence the works and the council being let down, by circumstance beyond its control, by its main highways contractor.

LGP surfacing have agreed to complete the works as the same rates as set out in the BBLP contract. Through market testing it is know that the rates offer good value for money in the current market.

Other Alternatives Considered:

1) Tender the contract in line with the council's contract standing orders.

There is insufficient time due to the constraints of the project's funding to follow the usual procurement processes required by the contract standing orders which would take around an additional two-three weeks to carry out the necessary technical assessment of bids received.

2) Wait until the new Skanska contract commences in April

This would add delay to the commencement and completion of the works. The rates available under the Skanska contract are not as favourable as those currently available.

Risk Assessment:

n/a

Financial Implications:

The value of the works is estimated £42,000 and is within the relevant budget.

Implications for Future Years:

None.

Signed..........Director of Development and Environment.

Dated.....12/3/2016.....