

NORTH SOMERSET COUNCIL DECISION

DECISION OF: THE DIRECTOR OF PLACE

IN CONSULTATION WITH: HEAD OF STRATEGIC
PROCUREMENT AND DIRECTOR OF CORPORATE SERVICES
(S151 OFFICER).



DECISION NO: 21/22 DP 416

SUBJECT: CONTRACT EXTENSION FOR ROAD LIGHTING. TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT
AND DECORATIVE LIGHTING SERVICE

KEY DECISION: YES

REASON: THE VALUE OF THIS DECISION IS ABOVE £500,000

Background:

The Council's current contract for road lighting, traffic management and decorative lighting maintenance was awarded to Centregreat Ltd December 2018. The contract commenced 1 April 2019 for an initial period of 4 years with a potential extension term of 2 years.

The contract was awarded through a competitive tendering process for the maintenance of the council's street lighting, illuminated signs and traffic bollards. It also included an LED investment project to upgrade all the council's outdated inefficient non-LED lighting to LED and the replacement of all remaining corroded and at-risk concrete lighting columns and steel pole brackets with new galvanised steel units throughout the district. The investment project is now nearing completion and been a great success.

The contract continues to perform well and is achieving the expected service quality outcomes, and targets with the contractor carrying out their contractual obligation in an efficient, and helpful manner.

Decision:

Agree a two-year extension of the Road Lighting, Traffic Management and Decorative Lighting contract with Centregreat Ltd, in accordance with the existing terms and conditions commencing April 2023 and expiring March 2025.

Reasons:

The current contract offers the most cost effective and efficient method for North Somerset to manage and to undertake its statutory duties for street lighting, illuminated traffic management and decorative lighting maintenance.

Options Considered:

Procurement of a new Street lighting Term Maintenance Contract at this time is not considered to be cost effective. The current contract continues to deliver economies of scale and is achieving the expected service quality outcomes, and targets.

Financial Implications:

Costs:

Annual current contract cost for the service are circa

Revenue Maintenance Costs - £380k

Approx. Capital - £250k

Funding:

The funding will come from already established revenue and capital funding that service the existing contract arrangement as detailed above.

Legal Powers and Implications:

The Council does not have a statutory duty to provide street lighting but does have the power to provide and maintain road lighting under the Highways Act 1980.

In exercising its various functions, the Council is required under section 17 of the Crime and Disorder Act 1998 to have due regard to the likely effect of the exercise of those functions on crime and disorder in its area (including anti-social and other behaviour affecting the local environment, the misuse of drugs and other substances, and reoffending) and the need to do all it reasonably can to prevent crime and disorder. However, there is no overriding duty for the Council to provide or keep lit systems of street lighting to prevent crime.

The Council is not liable for accidents arising from a failure to light a highway unless the accident arises because the Council failed to take reasonable steps to prevent objects it has placed around the highway from becoming a danger to the public.

Climate Change and Environmental Implications:

The Climate Change Act 2008 empowered the government to set national targets for the year 2050 for the reduction of greenhouse gas emissions and to encourage energy users to meet the objectives of the Act, such as reducing such emissions or removing greenhouse gas from the atmosphere. The Act also introduces legally binding carbon budgets, which set a ceiling on the levels of greenhouse gases that can be emitted into the atmosphere.

Where existing equipment is being replaced or renewed more energy efficient technology will continue to be employed, reducing electricity and carbon usage.

Consultation:

The chairman of the Scrutiny Panel was consulted but didn't feel the need for the report to be discussed through the panel.

Risk Management:

It is essential that a contract is in place for the continuance of highway electrical safety and maintenance duties.

Equality Implications:

Have you undertaken an Equality Impact Assessment? Yes

Corporate Implications:

None associated with decision

Appendices:

n/a

Background Papers:

COU19 Commissioning Plan – Street Lighting Procurement
EXE49 Contract Award Report


Signatories:

Decision Maker(s):

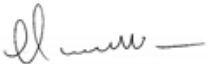
Signed:  Director of Place

Date: 1 March 2022

With Advice From:

Signed:  Director of Corporate Services (s151)

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Signed:  Head of Strategic Procurement

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