

North Somerset Council Decision



Decision Of: Director of Place

With Advice From: Director of Corporate Services (s151 Officer) and
Head of Strategic Procurement

Decision No: 21/22 DP 431

Subject: Award of Contract for Traffic Control and Intelligent Transport Related Services

Key Decision: Yes

Reason: The value of the decision is over £500,000

Background:

North Somerset Council is responsible for 46 sets of traffic signals and 62 signalised pedestrian crossings. Currently these are maintained through a term contract with Dynniq. The current contract comes to an end 30 June 2022 with no option for an extension.

The contract is currently managed on behalf of the four West of England councils by Bristol City Council through a Joint Arrangement Agreement (JAA). A new JAA has been created and signed by Bristol City Council, Bath and North East Somerset Council and North Somerset Council. From July 2022 South Gloucestershire Council will no longer be part of the new JAA and will procure their own individual contract.

The term for the new contract is for an initial period of 5 years from July 2022 with two extension periods of 2 years each, giving a potential overall contract period of 9 years. An initial period of 5 years is being proposed to provide a reasonable period for the successful contractor to recover any initial set up and investment costs and to provide the councils with a reasonable period of initial contract delivery. The extension options will be considered during the contract term and will be subject to overall contract performance and any changes in contract deliverables required.

The three joint authorities have all been involved throughout the contract preparation and tender process. A Project Board and Team was established to oversee the procurement process with each council having representatives on both.

As with the previous contract Bristol City is acting as the procurement lead for the new contract on behalf of the three joint councils. Whilst a joint approach to the market was proposed, each council, will enter into a joint contract with all authorities being signatures.

Decision:

That North Somerset Council enters into Traffic Control and Intelligent Transport Related Services contract with the preferred bidder as detailed in appendix. The contract to commence on 1 July 2022 for an initial duration of 5 years, with the option of two, 2 yearly extension periods.

Reasons:

The Joint Arrangement offers the most cost effective and efficient method for North Somerset to manage the maintenance of its traffic signal and ancillary equipment. The centralised fault centre control room in Bristol with its specialist equipment would otherwise need to be duplicated within North Somerset, involving significant set up and running costs.

Options Considered:

Brief consideration was given to North Somerset procuring and supporting its own contract. However, this was discounted as the current joint arrangement works well, delivers efficiencies to all councils and negates the need for North Somerset to set up and operate its own Control Room.

Financial Implications:**Costs:**

The estimated annual costs to North Somerset, based on current budgets and new requirements will be

	Current budget £	New contract £
Revenue fixed annual payment	98k	104k
Revenue maintenance costs	37k	40k
Capital replacements	85k	85k

The contract provides for an annual rate increase in line with the CPI.

In addition, the council currently pays £21.6k per annum to Bristol City Council as its contribution to the running costs of the Joint Agreement. This will increase by £7.7k to £29.3k from 1 July.

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 Traffic Management Act places a duty on local authorities to make sure traffic moves freely and quickly on their roads and the roads of nearby authorities.

The Road Traffic Act places a statutory duty on local authorities to take steps to both reduce and prevent accidents.

The effective placement and operation of Traffic Lights is one way of ensuring these are achieved, allowing effective management and safe passage of traffic across the district.

The procurement process was run by Bristol City Council in compliance with the Public Contract Regulations 2015.

Climate Change and Environmental Implications:

The provision and maintenance of effective signals help reduce congestion which assists in reducing fuel consumption and improving air quality.

Where existing equipment is being replaced or renewed more energy efficient technology will 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:

The re-procurement exercise has been run through a joint Project Board and Team. Any emerging risks will be referred to the board for review or action.

Equality Implications:

Have you undertaken an Equality Impact Assessment? No

Corporate Implications:

None associated with decision

Appendices:

Exempt item, Bristol City Council Tender Award Report

Background Papers:

EXE 56 Commissioning Plan for the re-procurement of Traffic Control and Intelligent Transport System Related Services.

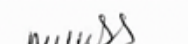
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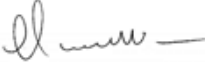
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