

Matt Davey, Director for Highways, Transport & Planning

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Winter Gritter Fleet Procurement

Report by Business Assurance Manager

Electoral division(s): All

Summary

A [key decision](#) to authorise the commencement of a procurement for the supply of de-icing salt and provision of a gritter fleet was made by the Cabinet Member for Highways and Infrastructure. This report seeks to make a minor change to that decision by splitting the procurement of the gritter fleet into two separate tenders of one year and three years instead of one four-year contract. All other aspects of the original decision remain unchanged.

Recommendations

That the Director for Highways, Transport and Planning approves:

- (1) the commencement of a procurement process for a one-year contract for the provision of a leased gritter fleet; and
 - (2) the later commencement of a procurement for a subsequent three-year contract for the provision of a leased gritter fleet.
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Proposal

1 Background and context

1.1 The background and context of the original decision report remain unchanged.

2 Proposal details

2.1 The proposed change to the procurement strategy is because the termination of the Eastern Shires Purchasing Organisation (ESPO) framework contract, which will be used for this procurement, doesn't align with the end date of the existing contract. It has become clear that there would be insufficient time to allow for the manufacture and delivery of the fleet, between contract award and the required delivery date, on the new ESPO framework contract.

2.2 Since there is only one year left on the current framework it is not possible to award a four-year contract. It is therefore proposed to split the procurement so

that a one-year contract is let under the current framework, and a year later a three-year contract is procured under the new ESPO framework.

2.3 All other aspects of the procurement remain unchanged.

3 Other options considered (and reasons for not proposing)

3.1 The options analysis remains unchanged from the original report.

4 Consultation, engagement and advice

4.1 The Executive Director for Place Services, the Director of Finance and Support Services, and the Director of Law and Assurance have been consulted.

4.2 The County Council's internal Procurement Board has been advised and supports the change in procurement strategy.

5 Finance

5.1 The financial and resource implications remain unchanged and revenue expenditure through these contracts is expected to be of a broadly similar value of £0.55m each financial year.

5.2 The Highways Maintenance Revenue Budget for 2020/21 approved by Full Council in February 2020 is £9.768m and includes an allocation for the value of the current contract.

	Current Year 2020/21 £m	Year 2 2021/22 £m	Year 3 2022/23 £m	Year 4 2023/24 £m
Revenue budget	9.768	9.268	9.268	28.304
Change from Proposal	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000
Remaining budget	9.768	9.268	9.268	28.304

5.3 The effect of the proposal:

(a) **How the cost represents good value**

Unchanged from original decision report.

(b) **Future savings/efficiencies being delivered**

Unchanged from original decision report.

(c) **Human Resources, IT and Assets Impact**

Unchanged from original decision report.

6 Risk implications and mitigations

Risk	Mitigating Action (in place or planned)
The risk implications of the original decision report remain unchanged	Not applicable

7 Policy alignment and compliance

7.1 Unchanged from original decision report.

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Appendices

None

Background papers

None