

Record of operational decision

Decision title:	Highways and Public Realm Schemes Framework
Date of decision:	24 th May 2024
Decision maker:	Corporate Director for Economy and Environment
Authority for delegated decision:	<p>A Cabinet decision was taken on 12th January 2023 to accept and spend any funds approved by the Department for Levelling Up including the Hereford Transport Package. Full details of the decision taken can be seen at the following link:</p> <p>Decision - To Accept and Spend Any Approved Levelling Up Fund Allocation to Herefordshire - Herefordshire Council</p> <p>Delegated authority for all operational decisions in implementing the funding in accordance with the bids to Government was given to the Corporate Director for Economy and Environment, in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Environment and Economy, the Cabinet Member for Infrastructure and Highways, and the Section 151 Officer.</p> <p>The procurement strategy was approved by the Corporate Director of Economy and Environment and the Project Board on 14th June 2023, following consultation and approval from with the Leader and the Cabinet Member for Highways and Infrastructure. The procurement strategy included for the creation of a Highways and Public Realm Schemes Framework to provide access to a range of contractors to undertake projects associated with Levelling Up Funding as well as being used for other schemes funded from s106 or through Council capital finance.</p> <p>A procurement process to create a Highways and Public Realm Schemes Framework was conducted during January and February 2024 in accordance with the Council's Contracts Procedure Rules.</p> <p>On 17th April 2024, the Cabinet Member for Roads and Regulatory Services gave approval to invest the additional Department for Transport Highway Maintenance funding covering 2023/24 and 2024/25 at £1.83 million per year, with delegated authority being given to the Corporate Director of Economy and Environment to take all operational decisions over the lifetime of the project. The decision referenced the creation of the Council's own framework for the delivery of civil engineering and associated works for the improvement of the Council's highway network and public realm, with this being a delivery option available for use by the Director of Economy and Environment.</p> <p>On 22nd April 2024, the Cabinet Member for Roads and Regulatory Services gave approval to invest the £10.0 million budget allocated for Resurfacing Herefordshire Highways across 2024/25 and 2025/26 in accordance with the Council's Highway Asset Management Plan, with delegated authority being given to the Corporate Director of Economy and Environment to take all operational decisions over the lifetime of the project. The decision referenced the creation of the Council's own framework for the delivery of</p>

	civil engineering and associated works for the improvement of the Council's highway network and public realm, with this being a delivery option available for use by the Director of Economy and Environment.
Ward:	Countywide.
Consultation:	None.
Decision made:	<p>That the following bidders be awarded a framework contract to deliver Highways and Public Realm Schemes as required by the council.</p> <p>Lot 1 - Schemes with an estimated Work Order value of less than £100,000</p> <p>Tarmac Trading Ltd M F Freeman Ltd Velta Construction Ltd Owen Pell Ltd R W Services Contractors Ltd</p> <p>Lot 2 - Schemes with an estimated Work Order value of between £100,000 and £500,000</p> <p>Fitzgerald Contractors Octavius Infrastructure Owen Pell Ltd M F Freeman Ltd Velta Construction Ltd</p> <p>Lot 3 - Schemes with an estimated Work Order value of between £500,000 and £3,000,000</p> <p>Fitzgerald Contractors Montel Civil Engineering Octavius Infrastructure Alun Griffiths (Contractors) Ltd Jackson Civil Engineering</p> <p>Lot 4 - Minor Surfacing Works</p> <p>Tarmac Trading Ltd Multiveo Ltd Kiely Bros Ltd</p> <p>Lot 5 - Surface Dressing Works</p> <p>Eurovia Infrastructure Ltd Kiely Bros Ltd</p>
Reasons for decision:	The creation of a Highways and Public Realm Schemes Framework forms part of the Client's mixed economy for the delivery of highways and public realm services and works. The framework provides the Council with access to a range of contractors to undertake projects associated with Levelling Up Funding as well as being used for other schemes funded from s106 or through Council capital finance.
Equality Considerations	None identified.

<p>Highlight any associated risks/finance/legal/equality considerations:</p>	<p>Financial Implications</p> <p>The creation of a Highways and Public Realm Schemes Framework provides the Council with a straightforward way of awarding works on a value for money basis.</p> <p>The Framework to provide access to a range of contractors to undertake projects associated with Levelling Up Funding as well as being used for other schemes funded from s106 or through Council capital finance.</p> <p>Risk Management</p> <p>The creation of a framework has contributed to minimising risks associated with procurement delay, supply chain resilience and demonstrating competition and value for money for the public purse.</p> <p>Legal Implications</p> <p>A procurement process to create a Highways and Public Realm Schemes Framework was conducted during January and February 2024 in accordance with the Council’s Contracts Procedure Rules.</p> <p>The framework will be operated under the NEC4 Framework Contract arrangements with NEC4 Engineering and Construction Short Contracts used for delivery of individual schemes.</p>
<p>Details of any alternative options considered and rejected:</p>	<p>The proposal to create a Highways and Public Realm Schemes Framework was considered to provide the Council with a straightforward way of awarding works on a value for money basis and that may attract more local suppliers. The establishment of a framework was considered to allow for rapid procurement of contractors, rather than having to procure on a project by project basis.</p>
<p>Details of any declarations of interest made:</p>	<p>None.</p>

Signed..... Date: 24th May 2024