

Meeting date to be arranged	ITEM:
Cabinet	
Transportation & Highways Maintenance Contract Extension	
Wards and communities affected: All	Key Decision: Key
Report of: Les Burns, Chief Highways Engineer	
Accountable Head of Service: Ann Osola, Head of Transportation & Highways	
Accountable Director: David Bull, Director for Planning & Transportation	
This report is Public	
Date of notice given of exempt or confidential report: 30 May 2014	

Executive Summary

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1. Recommendation

- 1.1 That the Director for Planning & Transportation be delegated the authority to make a new waiver for a contract extension for the highways maintenance contract.**

2. Introduction and Background

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2.3 The original waiver expires on 31 May 2014 and has expended £1.1m. This 7 month extension is for £750k which gives a total contract extension estimated at £1.85m.

4. Reasons for Recommendation

4.1 The contract extension is necessary to continue to provide highway maintenance work whilst the new tendering process is carried out. This work is required to maintain the safe and convenient highway service.

4.2 It is also required to deliver those parts of the 2014/15 highways capital programme which require surfacing.

5. Consultation (including Overview and Scrutiny, if applicable)

5.1 Not applicable.

6. Impact on corporate policies, priorities, performance and community impact

6.1 Extension of contract required to continue to deliver highway maintenance and improvement.

7. Implications

7.1 Financial

Implications verified by: **Michael Jones**

This recommendation is to extend the existing contract will not require additional funding. The financial cost of this work will fall within the budgets of

the maintenance, schemes and programmes which require the work and will be managed on that basis.

7.2 Legal

Implications verified by: **Angela Willis**

The new tendering process is being carried out in accordance with the Council's contract procedure rules requirements.

The rules require a waiver in those cases where a contract needs to be extended, as this is essentially a new contract award without benefit of a competitive tendering process. In addition, in this instance, the award is to a specific contractor, and therefore constitutes a single source tender.

The authority given by the decision requested here will allow an extension of the current interim contract, which complies with the Council's contract procedure rules.

7.3 Diversity and Equality

Implications verified by:

The maintenance work contributes to the delivery of the Highways service.

The value of the highway service is shown by an Equality Impact Assessment which has been carried for the 2014/15 Highways & Transport Capital Programme. It recognises the transport interventions that will support improved quality of life in the Borough and its social and economic regeneration as well as transport priorities for, congestion & CO2 mitigation, accessibility, safety, air quality and climate change adaptation.

Access to services and the safety of residents have been highlighted and will be addressed throughout the plan period. The evidence base for the Thurrock Transport Strategy and Implementation Plan identify specific areas of the borough and population where implementation will be prioritised to improve road safety, air quality and access to services, taking account of legislative considerations such as the Equality Act. These have been applied to the capital programme.

7.4 Other implications (where significant) – i.e. Staff, Health, Sustainability, Crime and Disorder)

None

8. Background papers used in preparing the report (including their location on the Council's website or identification whether any are exempt or protected by copyright):

- None

9. Appendices to the report

- Form ED2
- Procurement Forms A,B, C & D

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