

HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

Executive Decision Record

Decision Maker:	Executive Member – Policy and Resources
Date:	21 July 2011
Title:	Improvement Works Framework 2012-2016 – Authority to Tender
Reference:	3043
Report From:	Director of Economy, Transport and Environment

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1. The decision:

- a) That approval be given to procure two framework arrangements to replace the current frameworks which expire in April 2012. The frameworks will be commissioned using the following scope to determine ranges of value and works:

Framework 1: For general highways improvement works, public authority civil engineering works and associated works up to an individual value of £500,000

Framework 2: For specialist individual civil engineering structural works from a value of £40,000 and larger or complex highways improvement works, public authority civil engineering works and associated works up to the European Union procurement limit for Works (currently £3.8 million).

2. Reasons for the decision:

- 2.1. The County Council has a duty to maintain and improve highway infrastructure within Hampshire in a safe and effective manner. In provision of this role the Economy, Transport and Environment Department employs suppliers to construct and maintain the County's infrastructure in the form of capital and revenue projects.
- 2.2. The current provision of civil engineering contractors is through two Improvement Works Frameworks, both of which expire in April 2012.
- 2.3. The current arrangements have worked extremely well, with more than £15 million of projects having been completed since the start of the frameworks in May 2008. Diverse projects that have been undertaken within the frameworks

include repaving of Winchester High Street, structural replacement of Abbey Water Retaining Wall in Romsey and a new footbridge over the railway line at Chandlers Ford.

3. Other options considered and rejected:

- 3.1. Individual procurement of capital and revenue projects. This was considered and rejected because procurement costs for the engagement of suppliers through individual selected tendering procedures are significant. The ability to reduce procurement costs through a framework and prompt appointment of a supplier is a very effective method of engagement.
- 3.2. Procurement of capital and revenue projects through the Term Highways Contract. This was considered and rejected because the Term Highways Contract is predominantly designed for maintenance operations rather than individual projects. The Improvement Works Framework allows engagement of local suppliers for small civil engineering projects (Framework 1) whilst complex civil engineering projects requiring specialist equipment and skills are catered through Framework 2.

4. Conflicts of interest:

- 4.1. Conflicts of interest declared by the decision-maker: none.
- 4.2. Conflicts of interest declared by other Executive Members consulted: none.

5. Dispensation granted by the Standards Committee: none.

6. Reason(s) for the matter being dealt with if urgent: not applicable.

7. Statement from the Decision Maker:

Approved by:	Date:
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Executive Member for Policy and Resources Councillor T K Thornber, CBE	