

HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL**Executive Decision Record**

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| Decision Maker: | Executive Member for Economy, Transport and Environment |
| Date: | 9 July 2015 |
| Title: | Procurement approval: Generation 3 Civil Engineering and Infrastructure Works Frameworks 2016-2020 |
| Reference: | 6811 |
| Report From: | Director of Economy, Transport and Environment |

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1. The decision:

- 1.1. That approval be given to procure three framework arrangements to deliver the County Council's civil engineering, highways and transport infrastructure Improvement works for a period of up to four years duration.
- 1.2. That access by other authorities to the frameworks be given in return for a contribution as appropriate and subject to arrangement agreements.
- 1.3. That a ratio for price and quality be applied in tender evaluation of the items approved and at the proposed values contained in the supporting paper.
- 1.4. That a performance management system be included within the mini-competition selection process to ensure high standards of contract performance is encouraged.
- 1.5. That the Director of Economy, Transport and Environment be given delegated authority to agree any variations to the items approved, in consultation with the Executive Member for Economy, Transport and Environment.

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 addition, the Council encourages growth to the region through infrastructure improvements with development in conjunction with other partners. Furthermore the Council seeks to improve and maintain diverse assets which require engagement of experienced civil engineering and construction contractors in delivery of such projects.
- 2.2 The current delivery model comprises engagement of contractors through two frameworks (the Sub-Regional South East Seven Framework and Regional South East Seven Framework), both of which expire in March 2016.

- 2.3 The current arrangements have worked extremely well, with more than £60 million of projects being completed since the start of the frameworks in April 2012. Diverse projects ranging from small highways improvements up to town centre reconstruction, works on canal repairs, large piled retaining walls for highways and paths and significant drainage improvement schemes have all been catered for through the framework arrangements.
- 2.4 In addition, other authorities have used the existing frameworks to procure civil engineering projects for their own needs. Southampton City Council, Surrey County Council, East Sussex County Council and six District/Borough Councils have all placed projects through the frameworks. Interest from other authorities to join with the next generation frameworks remains positive and this also provides a benefit to the Council through financial contribution and sharing of technical expertise.

3. Other options considered and rejected:

- 3.1. Individual procurement and engagement of suppliers for capital and revenue projects:

This was considered and rejected because time delays and costs involved with individual selection, commercial and contractual arrangements are significant. A framework arrangement allows efficient selection of resources with organisations that have the capability to meet demands.

- 3.2. Procurement of capital and revenue projects through the Term Highways Contract or its successor:

There is an overlap with small schemes which have specifications that match those of highways maintenance. Therefore provision will be made to accommodate such projects through either framework 3 - 1 or the next term highways contract. Larger projects however employ different specifications (regarded as 'heavy' civil engineering with elements of concrete, steel, piling, mass earthworks etc.) or are undertaken with specialist operatives and equipment or have a different economic mass and pricing structure. A separate engagement method is the most economic system for ensuring suitable contractors are employed.

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 Conduct Advisory Panel: none.

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

7. Statement from the Decision Maker:

Approved by:

Date:

9 July 2015

**Executive Member for Economy, Transport and
Environment
Councillor Seán D T Woodward**