

ENVIRONMENT CABINET MEMBER MEETING

Agenda Item 106

Brighton & Hove City Council

Subject:	Lining Maintenance Contract (Road Marking and Road Stud)		
Date of Meeting:	10 March 2011		
Report of:	Strategic Director, Place		
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Key Decision:	Yes	Forward Plan No: ENVCMM19185	
Wards Affected:	All		

FOR GENERAL RELEASE

1. SUMMARY AND POLICY CONTEXT:

- 1.1 Brighton and Hove City Council is seeking to award a new contract for lining works throughout the City. This new contract is with the current provider who were the only bidder. This contract will include the maintenance of road markings and new lining work. This report requests Cabinet Member approval to award the contract for the period 2011–2016 with an anticipated works value of £650,000 over the five year period.

2. RECOMMENDATIONS:

- 2.1 That the Cabinet Member approves the award of the Road Marking and Road Stud Contract to Hi-Way Services Ltd commencing 1 April 2011 for a period of five years.

3. RELEVANT BACKGROUND INFORMATION/CHRONOLOGY OF KEY EVENTS:

- 3.1 This is a new contract that will provide for lining works which will include the maintenance of existing road markings and new lining work. The location of the work can be anywhere within Brighton and Hove and can include road marking and road studs. The work would include providing lining work for parking schemes, the maintenance of existing lining throughout Brighton & Hove and other lining work where appropriate including double yellow lines. There would also be the requirement to replace and / or maintain existing road studs which are placed on the highway (e.g Cat's eyes) and including the studs which denote the boundary of the unitary authority.
- 3.2 The contract will commence on 1 April 2011 and terminate on 31 March 2016. The existing Contract with Hi-Way Services which has been extended expires on 31 March 2011.
- 3.3 This will be a term contract and payment for works will be from a call-off Schedule of Rates submitted by the Contractor.

- 3.4 An advertisement did not need to be placed in the European Journal (OJEU) inviting Tender documents as the contract fell below the relevant financial threshold. However, in accordance with the Council's Contract Standing Orders procedure six companies were invited to submit tenders. On the tender return date, Monday 25th October 2010, 1 bid was returned comprising Quality and Price sections.
- 3.5 The tender assessment involved extensive research and the tendered costs were compared to the current lining prices. This showed that the price proposed represented a 9% increase which as it is fixed for five years represents good value for money as this cannot be increased until 2016. Other local authority references and research were undertaken into costs within the lining industry.
- 3.6 The current contract was let from December 2005 with no increase until 1st March 2008 when a 7.5% fuel surcharge was added with a further inflationary increase of 2.5% from the 1st June 2008.
- 3.7 The value of works orders raised throughout the life of the contract will vary depending on the types of works ordered. Works will be undertaken anywhere within the boundaries of Brighton & Hove City Council.

4. CONSULTATION

- 4.1 As only one tender submission has been received officers have consulted with the Procurement Strategy Manager in accordance with the Contract Standing Orders. The Procurement Strategy manager was assured that officers had followed a competitive tender process and therefore Contract Standing Orders had been satisfied.

5. FINANCIAL & OTHER IMPLICATIONS:

Financial Implications:

- 5.1 Any road marking and road stud work delivered through this contract would be funded by existing budgets. The revenue budget for lining work in 2010-11 is £151,000.

Finance Officer Consulted: Karen Brookshaw

Date: 24/01/11

Legal Implications:

- 5.2 The value of works referred to in this report falls well below the relevant threshold for the purpose of EU procurement law and UK procurement Regulations, and therefore the proposed contract is not subject to their application. The Council is nevertheless required to comply with its own contract standing orders. Officers have undertaken an approved procurement process in consultation with the Procurement Strategy Manager. Contracts valued in excess of £75,000 must be in a form approved by the Head of Law.

Lawyer Consulted: Sonia Likhari

Date: 21/01/11

Equalities Implications:

- 5.3 The Council's Code of Practice on Equalities and Workforce Matters is enforced in all procurement.

Sustainability Implications:

- 5.4 Sustainability is promoted in all departmental contract procurement. Specifications allow for recycling and development of sustainable processes. New energy efficient technology is introduced wherever possible and funding permits.

Crime & Disorder Implications:

- 5.5 The proposed amendments to restrictions will not have any implication on the prevention of crime and disorder.

Risk & Opportunity Management Implications:

- 5.6 There are safety risks involved in failing to maintain the road marking throughout the city which could have severe and costly consequences.

Corporate / Citywide Implications:

- 5.7 The contract will deliver Revenue and Capital funded works across the City and can be utilised by other departments through the Council where appropriate and in consultation with the Network Management section to ensure continuity and a planned approach to the future of the service within the city.

6. EVALUATION OF ANY ALTERNATIVE OPTION(S):

- 6.1 The only alternative option is doing nothing which would mean the road marking and Road Stud contract would not be awarded to any company. However, it is the recommendation of officers that this proposal does proceed as otherwise this could lead to a number of financial and safety issues throughout the City and the Council would not be fulfilling its requirements.

7. REASONS FOR REPORT RECOMMENDATIONS

- 7.1 The Council has a requirement to maintain existing road markings and road studs and also respond to requirements from members of the public regarding new lining. This Contract facilitates this requirement.
- 7.2 This contract succeeds the current extended Road marking and Road Stud Contract that terminates on 31 March 2011.
- 7.3 The procurement process has followed the correct procedure in accordance with the Contract Standing Orders. As only one tender submission has been received officers have consulted with the Procurement Strategy Manager. The Procurement Strategy manager was assured a competitive process had been followed and that Contract Standing Orders had been satisfied

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION

Appendices:

None

Documents in Members' Rooms

None

Background Documents

None