

To: **THE EXECUTIVE**
18 JUNE 2024

BERKSHIRE INTELLIGENT TRANSPORT SYSTEMS (ITS)
MAINTENANCE CONTRACT AWARD
Executive Director of Place

1 Purpose of Report

- 1.1 To approve the award of the joint authority Intelligent Transport Systems (ITS) maintenance contract over a 10-year period.
- 1.2 The contract covers Berkshire, with the exception of Royal Borough of Windsor and Maidenhead. The procurement process was led by Reading Borough Council and is outlined in confidential Annex A.

2 Recommendation(s)

That the Executive:

- 2.1 **Notes the supporting information and tender assessment at CONFIDENTIAL Annex A;**
- 2.2 **Approves the award of a new joint contract to Bidder 2 having submitted the most economically advantageous tender for the delivery of ITS maintenance from July 2024.**

3 Reasons for Recommendation(s)

- 3.1 The existing joint Berkshire- traffic signal maintenance contract, let over 15 years ago by Reading Borough Council, has been re-procured and modernised to meet current needs.

4 Alternative Options Considered

- 4.1 None. Failure to award a replacement contract would result in ITS infrastructure not being maintained, furthermore urgent traffic signal outages etc. would not be attended in line with set response times putting road users at increased risk.

5 Supporting Information

- 5.1 Effective ITS infrastructure within Berkshire is reliant upon reliable telecoms systems, traffic signals equipment, CCTV systems, real-time passenger information systems and variable message signs.
- 5.2 For Bracknell Forest, development growth in recent years linked to the Local Plan and the Regenerated Town Centre requires increasing levels of investment in ITS infrastructure required to manage the demand placed upon road networks. Therefore, the existing joint Berkshire traffic signal maintenance contract has required modernisation.

- 5.3 The contract is currently delivered by Yunex Traffic, formerly operating as Siemens ITS, and has been in place since 2006. The contract is administered by Reading Borough Council and has been subject to number of short-term contract extensions.
- 5.4 The five participating Berkshire Authorities have agreed that a joint contact would be advantageous. It has been necessary to broaden the scope and specification of the new contract to meet current and increasing needs and to ensure improved service levels for Councils and the traveling public.

6 Consultation and Other Considerations

Legal Advice

- 6.1 The contract was procured in accordance with the Public Contracts Regulations 2015 and the Council's Contract Standing Orders.

Financial Advice

- 6.2 Whilst the new contract cost is higher than the current contract, the budget allows for ad-hoc works meaning the current budget is sufficient. The scale of ad-hoc work is not fixed within the contract and ultimately this aspect of expenditure is dictated by the available annual budget and will need to be monitored.

Procurement Advice

- 6.3 The procurement has been conducted compliantly and in line with the Public Contract Regulations 2015, the Council's Contract Standing Orders and the original procurement plan. The evaluation has been conducted in line with the published evaluation criteria, with Bidder 2 as the highest scoring bidder. It is recommended that the award to Bidder 2 be approved

Equalities Impact Assessment

- 6.4 An Initial Equalities Screening Record Form has been completed and is attached at Annex B. The screening has determined that a full Equality Impact Assessment is not required.

Strategic Risk Management Issues

- 6.5 Well managed and maintained ITS infrastructure contributes positively to the Council's strategic responsibilities for public safety in respect of its duties and services.

Climate Change and Ecological Impacts

- 6.6 Whilst the efficient operation of ITS networks contribute to a reduction in CO² the recommendations in Section 2 are not expected to alter emissions given that this is a renewal of an existing contract.

Health & Wellbeing Considerations

- 6.7 Effective transport infrastructure plays a key role in supporting public health through contributions towards air quality, active travel, social connectivity and mobility. It

improves access to education, employment, healthcare and other amenities and can reduce the risk of social isolation.

Background Papers

Executive Member Report 18 April 2018 - BERKSHIRE INTELLIGENT TRANSPORT SYSTEMS MAINTENANCE CONTRACT PROCUREMENT PLAN

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