

Report to: Cabinet

Date: 16 April 2009

Subject: Standing Select List of Contractors for Road Works, Bridge Works and Highway Maintenance Works

Report of: Director of Environmental Services

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Purpose/summary: To seek an extension of time to the current Standing Select Lists of Contractors for Road Works, Bridge Works, Highway Maintenance Works and Asphalt and coated macadam carriageway resurfacing including thin wearing course systems 2003 to 2008.

Alternative options considered and reason for selecting the one recommended: The only alternative option would be not to request an extension of time. However, this is not recommended because to allow an extension of time will permit the investigation of alternative options.

Recommendation/decision: Cabinet is requested to grant an extension of time to the Council's Standing Select List of Contractors for Road Works until 31 March 2010 and for Bridge Works, Highway Maintenance Works and coated macadam carriageway resurfacing including thin wearing course systems until 30 June 2009 to allow time for a full review to be completed.

Key Decision: This report does not involve a key decision. The decision made as a result of this report will be published within **48 hours** and cannot be actioned until **seven working days** have elapsed, i.e. before 28 April 2009

Risks/Implications:

Financial:	All proposed contracts are within approved programmes.
Staffing:	Within existing staffing arrangements.
Policy:	Highway Maintenance; Local Transport Plan.
Equal Opportunities - has a Diversity Impact Assessment been conducted?	No. However, applicants' equal opportunities policy is part of the criteria for approval.
Wards affected:	All.

Property Implications – Does the proposal involve a reduction, addition or change to the Council’s asset base or its occupation?

No

If yes have the property implications been agreed with the Corporate Property officer?

Does this proposal have significant implications for the Council and the local population?

A diversity impact assessment is not necessary at this stage, however, equality and diversity implications have been considered when producing this report.

Does this proposal involve a new policy or procedure or significant changes to an existing policy or procedure?

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Has the Service Director – Borough Solicitor confirmed that the recommendations within this report are lawful and comply with the Council’s Constitution?	Yes / No
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Has the Service Director – Corporate Services confirmed that any expenditure referred to within this report is consistent with the Council’s budget?	Yes / No
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Are any of the recommendations within this report contrary to the Policy Framework of the Council?	Yes / No
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Categorisation of the report:	
Discussion leading to a decision	
Monitoring	
Sharing for corporate understanding	

Discussion	
Decision	X
Information	

Tracking/Process:

	Consultation	Ward Members	Partners
Panel	Overview & Scrutiny	Cabinet	Council
		16 April 2009	

There are no Background Papers to this Report within the meaning of Section 100D of the Local Government Act 1972.

Proper Officer Martin Kimber

Date 24 March 2009

1.0 Background:

- 1.1 The process for the introduction of a Framework Contract for carrying out minor highway schemes was reported to Environment Panel on 26 September 2007. In conjunction with this, on 7 February 2008 members approved an extension of time to the existing Standing Select List of Contractor's for Road Works whilst preparation of a Framework Contract was carried out.
- 1.2 Also, on 7 February 2008 members approved an extension of time to the existing Select Lists of Contractor's for Highway Maintenance and Bridgeworks to allow a full review of these lists.

2.0 Current Situation:

- 2.1 During 2008/2009 there has been a changing trend in the type of highway schemes that are now being carried out and these are not considered suitable to be procured under a Framework Contract. Instead, it is now considered more appropriate to update the existing Standing Select List of Contractor's for Roadworks and I therefore propose that this existing list is extended until 31 March 2010 so that the update procedure can be carried out.
- 2.2 With regard to the select lists for highway maintenance and bridgeworks, there has been a slow response to requests for information from applicants during the review process. I therefore propose that the existing Select List of Contractor's for Highway Maintenance and Bridgeworks be extended until the 30 June 2009.

3.0 Recommendation

- 3.1 Cabinet is requested to grant an extension of time to the council's Standing Select List of Contractors as outlined above.