

Chichester District Council

Cabinet

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A27 & High Speed Road Cleaning

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2. Recommendation

2.1 Cabinet approves the appointment of the preferred contractor to provide traffic management and cleaning services for the A27 and selective high speed roads in the district.

2.2 That the contract be offered for an initial period of three years, with the option to extend annually up to a maximum of ten years.

3. Background

3.1 The Environmental Protection Act 1990 prescribes district councils as Principal Litter Authorities. Specific responsibilities and requirements are detailed in the Code of Practice on Litter and Refuse 2008. This stipulates a requirement to keep highways clean, including trunk roads such as the A27. The council is responsible for a 14 mile section of the A27 from Aldingbourne to Emsworth.

3.2 There are inherent dangers associated with cleaning high speed roads. Site specific risk assessments must be produced for the task and, in the case of the A27 (and a handful of other roads), specialist traffic management must be used to keep operatives safe.

3.3 In recent years the cleaning operation for the A27 has been completed by the council's street cleaning team and a specialist traffic management contractor. The partnership has worked well; ensuring a good standard of cleanliness and compliance with legislation. This partnership approach remains the most effective method of delivery.

3.4 The previous contract came to an end in May 2022 so a procurement exercise has been completed and a preferred contractor identified.

4 Outcomes to be Achieved

4.1 Appointment of an accredited contractor that can work with the council's street cleaning team to achieve a compliant standard of cleanliness for the A27 and other high-speed roads.

5 Proposal

5.1 Officers have worked with Hampshire County Council's procurement team to complete a competitive tendering process. Contractors were invited to tender for a litter pick in January; to include the carriageway, islands and verges. Provision of traffic management infrastructure to enable a sweep of hard surfaces in May of each year was also specified. Ad hoc cleans can be called upon as required.

5.2 Fifteen contractors registered interest in the tender but only two submitted. Officers believe this is due to the specialist nature of the work. Of the two submissions received one was excluded as the contractor failed to meet the minimum pass/fail requirements. The remaining submission was of the highest quality and within budget so it is proposed that the contract be awarded to them.

6 Alternatives Considered

6.1 An in house solution has been considered but the investment required in impact protection vehicles, equipment, training and staff costs would be considerably higher than contracting the work out in this instance.

6.2 CCS continues to collaborate with Highways England on opportunities to share traffic management resource. Such opportunities have proven to be rare due to the unpredictable nature of their work; particularly the need to cancel works at short notice due to emergencies elsewhere on the road network. Contracting in traffic management means CCS can guarantee an annual clean as a minimum; thereby ensuring compliance with statutory requirements.

7 Resource and Legal Implications

7.1 The award of the contract to the preferred provider is in accordance with the council's contract standing orders, and within budget.

7.2 The CCS Operations Manager and Street Cleansing Lead will manage the contract throughout its term to ensure consistent high standards of service.

8 Consultation

8.1 The council's legal and procurement officers have been consulted.

9 Community Impact and Corporate Risks

9.1 Failure to keep the A27 and other high-speed roads clean will result in a failure of our statutory duties under the Code of Practice on Litter and Refuse. It will also present a poor image of the district.

10 Other Implications

Are there any implications for the following? If you tick "Yes", list your impact assessment as a background paper in paragraph 13 and explain any major risks in paragraph 9		
	Yes	No
Crime and Disorder The Council has a duty "to exercise its functions with due regard to the likely effect of the exercise of those functions on, and the need to do all that it reasonably can to prevent, crime and disorder in its area". Do the proposals in the report have any implications for increasing or reducing crime and disorder?		✓
Biodiversity and Climate Change Mitigation Are there any implications for the mitigation of/adaptation to climate change or biodiversity issues? If in doubt, seek advice from the Environmental Strategy Unit (ESU).		✓
Human Rights and Equality Impact You should complete an Equality Impact Assessment when developing new services, policies or projects or significantly changing existing ones. For more information, see Equalities FAQs and guidance on the intranet or contact Corporate Policy.		✓
Safeguarding and Early Help The Council has a duty to cooperate with others to safeguard children and adults at risk. Do these proposals have any implication for either increasing or reducing the levels of risk to children or adults at risk? The Council has committed to dealing with issues at the earliest opportunity, do these proposals have any implication in reducing or increasing demand on Council services?		✓
General Data Protection Regulations (GDPR) Does the subject of the report have significant implications for processing data likely to result in a high risk to the rights and freedoms of individuals? Processing that is likely to result in a high risk includes (but is not limited to): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • systematic and extensive processing activities and where decisions that have legal effects – or similarly significant effects – on individuals. • large scale processing of special categories of data or personal data relation to criminal convictions or offences. • Any larger scale processing of personal data that affects a large number of individuals; and involves a high risk to rights and freedoms e.g. based on the sensitivity of the processing activity. • large scale, systematic monitoring of public areas (including by CCTV). Note - If a high risk is identified a Privacy Impact Assessment must be provided to the Data Protection Officer.		✓
Health and Wellbeing The Council has made a commitment to 'help our communities be healthy and active'. You should consider both the positive and negative impacts of your proposal on the health and wellbeing of communities and individuals living and working in the district. Is your proposal likely to impact positively or negatively on certain groups and their ability to make healthy choices, for example low income families, carers, older people/children and young people. Are there implications that impact on areas of the district differently? eg the rural areas or those wards where health inequalities exist. If in doubt ask for advice from the Health and Wellbeing team.		✓
Other (please specify)		

11 Appendices

None

12 Background Papers

None