

Meeting of:	Cabinet
Date of Meeting:	Thursday, 20 October 2022
Relevant Scrutiny Committee:	Environment and Regeneration
Report Title:	Maintenance of Traffic Signal Equipment Contract
Purpose of Report:	To detail the requirements of the contract award for the Maintenance of Highway Traffic Signal Equipment.
Report Owner:	Cabinet Member for Neighbourhood and Building Services
Responsible Officer:	Miles Punter - Director of Environment and Housing Services
Elected Member and Officer Consultation:	Operational Manager – Engineering Head of Neighbourhood Services and Transport Accountant Neighbourhood and Building Services Legal Services (Committee Reports)
Policy Framework:	This report is a matter for Executive Decision by Cabinet.
<p>Executive Summary:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • This report advises of the tender process for the provision of a new 3-year Maintenance of Traffic Signals contract. • An existing Maintenance of Traffic Signals contract has successfully operated from April 2014 and been extended on several occasions by delegated authority and emergency powers. • The Contract provides for suitable maintenance contract to enable the essential and cost-effective management and repair of the Council’s Highway Maintenance Traffic Signals and Pedestrian Crossings, Vehicle Activated Signs and Associated equipment. • The Contract was tendered via the Sell2Wales portal on 23rd June, 2022 with tenders being returned on 25th July, 2022 following which a detailed evaluation exercise was carried out. • It is proposed to appoint Centregreat Ltd. following a detailed tender evaluation and assessment exercise. 	

- It is intended that the appointment of contractors to the Call of Contract will be initially for a period of 3 years in accordance with the contract with an option to extend the contract.
- The award of services under the Contract will be financed from internal annual revenue budget available for works under the Maintenance of Traffic Signals and Pedestrian Crossings, Vehicle Activated Signs and Associated equipment Contract.
- The Contract will be administered within the Engineering Section of Neighbourhood Services and Transport.
- Full financial details of the tendering process are detailed in a Part II report later on this agenda and Cabinet is requested to consider these reports in conjunction.

Recommendations

1. That the contents of this Report be noted and considered in connection with the Part II report later on the agenda.

Reasons for Recommendations

1. To allow the Part I and Part II report to be considered together.

1. Background

- 1.1 The local highway network within the Vale of Glamorgan is a valuable asset to the community for which the Council is responsible.
- 1.2 All users depend on a reliable service from the local highway network and it is therefore essential that the network is maintained in as good a condition as possible.
- 1.3 The Council's Highway Maintenance team use various contractors to undertake works on its behalf and ensure the highway is adequately maintained. A contract for Maintenance of Traffic Signal Equipment is essential to ensure that this equipment operates effectively and any necessary repairs are carried.
- 1.4 The existing Maintenance of Traffic Signals contract originally awarded on 1st April 2014 to Centregreat Ltd. following a competitive tendering process was extended by delegated authority in accordance with the terms of the original contract to 31st March, 2019. Further extensions have been granted using Emergency Powers to ensure continuity of maintenance services and enable sufficient time for the contract to be retendered.

2. Key Issues for Consideration

- 2.1 Tenders for the Maintenance of Traffic Signal Equipment Contract were published on 23rd June, 2022 and returned on 22nd July, 2022. A tender evaluation and analysis exercise was undertaken based on 30/70 quality / price model.
- 2.2 Based on the outcome of the tender evaluation and assessment carried out, it is proposed to award the contract to Centregreat Ltd.
- 2.3 It is intended that the appointment of Centregreat Ltd. will be initially for a period of three years in accordance with the contract with an option to extend for a further period of 12 or 24 months.
- 2.4 The Maintenance of Traffic Signal Equipment contract is essential to deliver value and efficiency in the management and maintenance of the Council's traffic signals asset.

- 2.5** The full financial details of the proposed contract award are detailed in a Part II report later on this agenda.

3. How do proposals evidence the Five Ways of Working and contribute to our Well-being Objectives?

- 3.1** The goals and objectives of the Well-being of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015 are generally achieved by implementing the Councils Maintenance of Traffic Signal Equipment contract.
- 3.2** A Prosperous Wales - the employment of local contractors assists in the maintenance of the Council's highway maintenance assets in a cost effective and efficient manner.
- 3.3** A Resilient Wales - the implementation of maintenance contracts ensures that the highway infrastructure is maintained and repaired to an appropriate level so that all equipment operates effectively for the safety of the public.
- 3.4** A More Equal Wales – the effective maintenance of the highway asset ensures measures and features are provided to accommodate all users including those with a disability.
- 3.5** A Healthier Wales - the contract will assist in ensuring the highways asset is maintained in a manner to encourage the use of sustainable transport and active-travel options through the provision of good crossing facilities as an alternative to the private car.
- 3.6** A Wales of Cohesive Communities - the contract will assist maintaining good links and safe movement between communities throughout the Vale of Glamorgan.
- 3.7** A Wales of Vibrant Culture and Thriving Welsh Language – maintenance of the highways asset will assist in providing safe and beneficial access to cultural locations and experiences as well as ensuring signage, and lining schemes meet the requirements of the Welsh Language Act.
- 3.8** A Globally Responsible Wales – the contract enables the delivery of highway maintenance in a sustainable and responsible manner to prolong the life of the highway asset and ensure that individual assets are fully utilised in the most effective manner throughout their lifespan.
- 3.9** Collaboration - this contract works directly with local contractors to deliver the Council's highways asset maintenance requirements to suit revenue budgets and reflect the importance of local working partnerships and skills base.
- 3.10** Integration - integrates with the Vale of Glamorgan's Wellbeing Plan, Active Travel Integrated Network Map, Local Transport Plan. The effective maintenance of the Councils highway asset contributes to accessibility, road safety and social change.
- 3.11** Involvement - listening to our stakeholders and customers to identify and prioritise repairs works to ensure the highways asset as maintained in the best possible condition for the benefit of all users and future generations.

- 3.12** Long term – the effective maintenance of the highway asset contributes toward the Council's objective of promoting regeneration, economic growth and employment by effectively using and managing resources to maintain good transport links for commuters and business.
- 3.13** Prevention - assists in preventing existing problems of traffic congestion and its associated negative economic and environmental impacts from worsening. Prevent health and wellbeing problems within local communities by maintaining good pedestrian and cycling movements and connectivity.
- 3.14** Current and future generations of Vale residents and visitors enjoy the built and natural environments of the Vale of Glamorgan, through well-maintained highway assets provided and delivered under this Contract.
- 3.15** The wellbeing objectives identified above are fully compatible with the Council's Corporate Plan 2020 – 2025 Well-being goals and their objectives.

4. Climate Change and Nature Implications

- 4.1** The appointed contractors will be required to contribute to the Council's Project Zero to tackle the climate emergency and contribute to reducing the Council's carbon emissions to net zero by 2030 wherever practical.
- 4.2** The maintenance works carried out using the appointed contractors will ensure highway assets operate in an effective manner to encourage active travel and sustainable travel. The maintenance of traffic signals and telematics assets are essential to allow and promote people to walk and cycle safely throughout the Vale of Glamorgan. This assist to reduce journeys by car through making active travel more attractive will assist in reducing the carbon impact of travel as well as encouraging people to be more active improving their health and wellbeing.

5. Resources and Legal Considerations

Financial

- 5.1** All maintenance works carried out under this contract will be financed from within the Council's existing Revenue budget for the Maintenance of Traffic Signals and Pedestrian Crossings, Vehicle Activated Signs and Associated equipment.
- 5.2** It is estimated that some £100K capital investment is required annually to replace and improve telematics equipment throughout the Vale's local highway network over the next several years in order to maintain its reliable operational status. A capital bid will be submitted for 2023/24 process to reflect this cost.

Employment

- 5.3 Given the nature of specialist works, these works will be undertaken by external contractors appointed by competitive tender in accordance with the Council's strict Financial and Contract Procedure Rule.
- 5.4 The project management of this contract will be carried out in-house by existing staff within the Council's Neighbourhood Services Highway Maintenance team.

Legal (Including Equalities)

- 5.5 The Council has a duty to maintain the Highway pursuant to the Highways Act (1980).
- 5.6 There are no Equalities implications.

6. Background Papers

None.