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Report to:	Cabinet	Date: 08 January 2025
Subject:	Extension of Council Framework for Delivery of Highway Related Services	
Report of	Cabinet Member for Environment, Climate Change and Operations	

Summary

1. This report seeks approval to extend the existing framework for delivery of highways relate services.

Recommendation(s)

2. That the Cabinet approves the extension of the existing Council highways framework for nine months until 30th September 2025, with the option to extend it for a further three months until 31st December 2025.

Reasons for recommendation(s)

3. The extension is required to allow sufficient time for the complex steps to be taken to re-procure a new replacement framework.

Alternative options considered and rejected

4. No other option is available in the light of the operational requirement.

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Background

5. The Existing Framework Arrangement

- A. On 29th July 2020 Cabinet approved the implementation of the Greater Manchester Alliance Framework developed by Stockport and Bury Councils as a mechanism to procure civil engineering work for highways schemes. The framework was for a period of four years from 1st January 2021.

B. Under the Framework Agreements were able to be established with the top 3 ranked bidders (where applicable) for each of the Lots set out below. These Agreements could be in place for a period of 4 years with the option to extend for a further period of 4 years and then an additional extension for 2 years. Thus, making a maximum of ten years to maximise the value of the framework.

C. The Framework is not only accessible to Stockport and Bury as promoters of the framework but is also available for use by all Greater Manchester local authorities, partners and associated members.

D. The lots, work disciplines and approved contractors are:

LOT 1 Planned Maintenance (Paving and specialist projects) up to £800K

- A E Yates
- J Cooney Limited
- J Hopkins (Contractors) Ltd

LOT 3 Carriageway Surfacing up to £1,500K

- J. Hopkins (Contractors) Ltd
- Galliford Try Infrastructure
- Tarmac

LOT 4 Lining (including coloured surface overlay) up to £100K

- Jointline Limited
- L & R Roadmarkings Ltd
- WJ Roadmarkings Ltd

LOT 7 Civils (Drainage works and specialist projects) up to £800K

- A E Yates
- George Cox & Sons Ltd
- J Cooney Limited

LOT 8 CCTV – Jetting/Inspections up to £50K

- General Utilities Ltd
- Sapphire Solutions Ltd

LOT 9.1 Highway Structures up to £100K

- Coating Services Ltd
- George Cox & Sons Ltd

LOT 9.2 Highway Structures up to £200K

- A E Yates
- Bethell Group PLC
- George Cox & Sons Ltd

LOT 10 Coring up to £25K
· Pavement Testing Services

- E. The Framework was due to expire on 31st December 2024. Steps have been taken to commence the complex process of re-procuring a new framework. The local authority owned STAR organisation provides additional capacity to the Council under a contractual arrangement and they have been commissioned to carry out this exercise. This will take a considerable period of time. Accordingly it is proposed that a time limited extension of the existing framework should be agreed by the Council.
- F. The proposed extension would be for a period of 9 months until 30th September 2025, with the power to extend for a further three months if required. This will ensure that urgently needed highways related services can be procured efficiently during the extension period in the best interests of highway users in Bury. This is a legitimate step to take where the Council has a genuine intention to undertake a re-procurement.

Links with the Corporate Priorities:

Please summarise how this links to the Let's Do It Strategy.

6. **Enterprise** – Extension of the existing framework and the re-procurement of a new framework will assist the Council in achieving its best value obligations under the Local Government Act 1999. Call-offs under the frameworks will help ensure that the 1999 Act objectives of economy, efficiency and effectiveness are met to the benefit of the people of Bury.

Equality Impact and Considerations:

*Please provide an explanation of the outcome(s) of an initial or full EIA and make **specific reference regarding the protected characteristic of Looked After Children**. Intranet link to EIA documents is [here](#).*

7. Not applicable

Environmental Impact and Considerations:

*Please provide an explanation of the Environmental impact of this decision. Please include the impact on both **Carbon emissions** (contact climate@bury.gov.uk for advice) and **Biodiversity** (contact c.m.wilkinson@bury.gov.uk for advice)*

8. Not applicable
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Assessment and Mitigation of Risk:

Risk / opportunity	Mitigation
The Council is required to meet its statutory highways maintenance implications under the Highways Act 1980.	Failing to extend the existing framework during the re-procurement process would hinder the Council in fulfilling its statutory obligations, delay highway capital investment deadlines, and compromise highways maintenance, negatively impacting highway users in Bury.

Legal Implications:

The proposed extension is a reasonable and proportionate step to take to ensure that in undertaking the complex re-procurement of a new framework the Council meets its compliance obligations under the existing Procurement Regulations and new statutory obligations under the Procurement Act 2023 due to come into force on 24th February 2025.

Financial Implications:

10. There is no direct financial implication from the proposed extension of the framework.

Appendices:

Please list any appended documents.

Background papers:

Existing Highways Framework Agreements.

Please include a glossary of terms, abbreviations and acronyms used in this report.

Term	Meaning
Procurement Regulations	Public Contracts Regulations 2015