

<p>COUNCILLOR STUART WHITTINGHAM CABINET MEMBER – TRANSPORT & INFRASTRUCTURE</p>	<p>CABINET MEMBER REPORT 5TH APRIL 2017 TRAFFIC SIGNAL MAINTENANCE CONTRACT LIVERPOOL CITY REGION</p>
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REPORT SUMMARY

This report provides information on the proposal for a joint Liverpool City Region Intelligent Traffic Signals Contract. It invites the Cabinet Member to provide authorisation for Wirral Council's inclusion in the procurement exercise for the provision of the Intelligent Traffic Signals Contract from April 2018.

A further report will be presented to the Cabinet Member in due course for Wirral's approval to award the Contract.

RECOMMENDATION/S

The Cabinet Member is requested to:

- (i) Note the content of the report; and
- (ii) Approve Wirral Council's inclusion in the Liverpool City Region procurement exercise for the provision of the Intelligent Traffic Signals Contract from April 2018 in accordance with the Council's Constitution Part 3 Schedule 5 item (vi).

SUPPORTING INFORMATION

1.0 REASON/S FOR RECOMMENDATION/S

- 1.1 To establish a Regional Contract arrangement for the maintenance of the traffic signals and associated equipment to provide potential efficiencies, greater resilience and to bring about stronger influence with providers due to the greater scale of the combined service.

2.0 OTHER OPTIONS CONSIDERED

- 2.1 Since 1st April 2014, Wirral Council has operated a contract with Motus Traffic Ltd for the Maintenance, Supply and Installation of Traffic Control Systems and Associated Equipment. This contracts ends on 31st March 2018, however there is an option for a contract extension for a further two years. The performance of Motus Traffic Ltd has been mixed throughout the duration of the contract and previous 'Review Meetings' have been held between the Cabinet Member for Transport & Infrastructure and Motus to discuss the concerns that have been raised by Officers.

3.0 BACKGROUND INFORMATION

- 3.1 Liverpool City Region's Traffic Advisory Group (TAG) have identified the traffic signals service as an opportunity to establish a Regional Contract arrangement for the maintenance of the traffic signals and associated equipment to provide potential efficiencies, greater resilience and to bring about stronger influence with providers due to the greater scale of the combined service.
- 3.2 It is intended that a joint Intelligent Transport Systems (ITS) Maintenance Contract be procured for a start date of 1 April 2018, which coincides with end date of the current Contract with Motus. The form of contract proposed is the NEC Term Service Contract. The evaluation and award of the tenders will be based on a price/quality split of 30/70. The duration of the contract is proposed to be five years with a further one year extension option; with that extension being linked to performance.
- 3.3 The scope of the service provided will be:
- Traffic signals (junctions and controlled crossings) including Outstation Monitoring Units (OMUs), Outstation Transmission Units (OTUs) and Bulk lamp changes
 - Variable Message Signs (VMS)
 - Car Park Guidance signs
 - Automatic Number Plate Recognition (ANPR) Cameras
 - Bluetooth readers
 - Journey Time Monitoring Systems (JTMS)
 - Vehicle Activated Signs (VAS)(Optional)
 - Wide Area Network (WAN)(Optional)

- Over height Vehicle Detection Systems (Optional)
- Slot Cutting (Optional)
- New installations and refurbishment works (Optional)
- Managed service for operation of control centre/systems (Optional)

3.4 The contract will be awarded with named parties to the contract, which will enable participants to join the contract at different times by entering into a participation agreement. Due to the timescale, it is proposed that Wirral Council will participate from the commencement of the contract. A lead authority will be appointed, to manage and monitor the contract. Initially, it is proposed that Halton Council will manage the procurement process on behalf of the participating authorities.

3.5 The procurement process is expected to be carried out to the following timescales:

- TUPE arrangements - June 2017
- Preparation of documentation - by July 2017
- Official Journal of the European Union (OJEU) Advert - July 2017
- Tender out - August 2017
- Tenders returned and evaluation - by November 2017
- Contract Award decision - December 2017
- Challenge Period - January 2018
- Mobilise - February/March 2018
- Contract Start - 1 April 2018

4.0 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

4.1 The cost of the proposed Liverpool City Region led contract is expected to be greater than the current contract as the existing service provider is undertaking the service at rates well below current market rates. Budget provision has already been made to address the expected increase.

4.2 Individual authorities participating in the proposed Contract would be responsible for issuing their own works orders and authorising subsequent payments.

5.0 LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

5.1 The management of traffic and the maintenance of highways, including traffic signals, are statutory duties for the Council.

6.0 RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS: ICT, STAFFING AND ASSETS

6.1 The procurement exercise for the provision of the joint Intelligent Traffic Signals Contract will be undertaken by Halton Borough Council on behalf of the Liverpool City Region. Officers from Wirral Council will contribute to the project steering, contract drafting and evaluation of tenders.

7.0 RELEVANT RISKS

- 7.1 Failure to deliver a robust Intelligent Traffic Signals service can impact on the Council's ability to comply with its network management duty under the Traffic Management Act 2004, its maintenance duty under the Highways Act 1980 and the commitments made in delivering improvements to the network affecting availability and management of funding and the Council's reputation.
- 7.2 The cost of the Liverpool City Region led contract is expected to be greater than the current contract as the existing service provider for Wirral is providing the service at rates well below current market rates. This has already been anticipated within the approved revenue budget.

8.0 ENGAGEMENT/CONSULTATION

- 8.1 No specific consultations have taken place, other than engagement within the six constituent authorities.

9.0 EQUALITY IMPLICATIONS

Has the potential impact of your proposal(s) been reviewed with regard to equality?

Yes and impact review can be viewed on the Equality Impact Assessments pages of the Council website.

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APPENDICES

None

REFERENCE MATERIAL

None

SUBJECT HISTORY (last 3 years)

Council Meeting	Date
CABINET	12 FEBRUARY 2014