

WIRRAL COUNCIL

CABINET –18TH MARCH 2010

REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR OF TECHNICAL SERVICES

CONTRACT EXTENSIONS FOR HIGHWAY VERGE AND TREE MAINTENANCE CONTRACTS

1.0 EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

1.1 This report requests the granting of time extensions on two contracts that contribute to the maintenance of the highway infrastructure.

2.0 BACKGROUND

2.1 Technical Services currently has two contracts with suppliers covering maintenance of the highway verges and trees. The details are as follows:

Contract 1

Contractor: Continental Landscapes Ltd
Start Date: 1st April 2003
Period: Five years plus option to extend yearly for 5 years (last end date 31st March 2013)
Covers: Highway verges, shrub beds and some areas of public open space
Value: £1.14m / annum

Contract 2

Contractor: Amenity Tree Care Ltd
Start Date: 1st April 2008
Period: Two years plus option to extend yearly for a further two years (last end date 31st December 2012)
Covers: Tree pruning, felling, surveying
Value: £217,000 / annum

2.2 The Regeneration Department is presently reviewing its Parks and Countryside Services provision. As part of the review, these two Technical Services Contracts are also to be included in the process.

2.3 Currently in its early stages the Parks and Countryside Services review timetable suggests that any new service provision is unlikely to commence before 1st December 2011.

2.4 In order to give flexibility to the decision making process for Parks and Countryside Services Delivery, it is considered appropriate that the two existing contract periods are extended initially to this date.

2.5 It is thought that both contractors are willing to continue to operate their contracts under the existing terms and conditions.

2.6 These extensions have also been discussed and approved by the Corporate Procurement Unit.

3.0 FINANCIAL AND STAFFING IMPLICATIONS

3.1 There are no new financial and staffing implications arising out of this report.

4.0 EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES/EQUALITY IMPACT ASSESSMENT

4.1 There are no implications under this heading.

5.0 HEALTH IMPLICATIONS/IMPACT ASSESSMENT

5.1 There are no implications under this heading.

6.0 COMMUNITY SAFETY IMPLICATIONS

6.1 There are no implications under this heading.

7.0 LOCAL AGENDA 21 IMPLICATIONS

7.1 There are no implications under this heading.

8.0 PLANNING IMPLICATIONS

8.1 There are no implications under this heading.

9.0 ANTI-POVERTY IMPLICATIONS

9.1 There are no implications under this heading.

10.0 SOCIAL INCLUSION IMPLICATIONS

10.1 There are no implications under this heading.

11.0 HUMAN RIGHTS IMPLICATIONS

11.1 There are no implications under this heading.

12.0 LOCAL MEMBER SUPPORT IMPLICATIONS

12.1 There are no implications under this heading.

13.0 BACKGROUND PAPERS

13.1 No background papers have been used in the preparation of this report.

14.0 RECOMMENDATION

14.1 Cabinet is requested to approve the extension of the Highway Verge and Tree Maintenance Contracts under the existing terms and conditions to the 30th November 2011.

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