

OFFICER DECISION FORM

DECISION TO BE TAKEN BY: DIRECTOR OF NEIGHBOURHOOD SERVICES

KEY DECISION: YES

DIRECTORATE: NEIGHBOURHOOD SERVICES

WARDS AFFECTED: ALL WARDS

SUBJECT: CONTRACT AWARD – PROVISION OF DRIVERS FOR WINTER GRITTING OPERATION

1.0 DECISION:

The Director of Neighbourhood Services has agreed to:

1. endorse the competitive tendering exercise that is outlined in paragraph 3 of the accompanying report; and
2. award the contract for the provision of gritter drivers required for the Winter Service Gritting Operation to Idverde Ltd (company registration number 06539986) as the most economically advantageous tenderer for an estimated contract value of £1,400,000 for a term of 3 years, commencing on 1 November 2024, with an option to extend a further 2 years.

Appendix 1 of this report is exempt from publication pursuant to paragraph 3 of the part 1 of Schedule 12 A of the Local Government Act 1972 (Information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the authority holding that information) because it contains or refers to information relating to the financial and business affairs of tenderers and the Council and the public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighs the public interest in disclosure.

2.0 REASONS FOR THE DECISION

- 2.1 The works provided under the proposed contract is to enable the Council to meet its statutory duties under Section 41(1a) of the Highways Act 1980 (as amended) , imposes a duty on the Council, as the Highway Authority, ‘....to ensure, so far as is

reasonably practicable, that safe passage along a highway is not endangered by snow or ice'

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3.0 STATEMENT OF COMPLIANCE

- 3.1 The decision was made further to legal advice from the Deputy Monitoring Officer and the Section 151 Officer has confirmed that they do not incur unlawful expenditure. They are also compliant with equality legislation and an equality analysis and impact assessment has been completed. The decision reflects the core principles of good governance set out in the Council's Code of Corporate Governance.

4.0 DECLARATION OF INTEREST

None

Signed:

Officer: Jason Gooding

Title: Director of Neighbourhood Services

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A list of background papers on this issue is held with:

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