

OFFICER DECISION FORM

DECISION TO BE TAKEN BY: DIRECTOR OF NEIGHBOURHOOD SERVICES

KEY DECISION Yes

DIRECTORATE: NEIGHBOURHOOD SERVICES

WARDS AFFECTED: ALL WARDS

SUBJECT: INCREASE IN CONTRACT VALUE – DN625242 TRANSPORT CONSULTANCY (HIGHWAYS)

1.0 DECISION:

The Director of Neighbourhood Services has approved an increase in contract value from £799,000 to £1,198,500 for the existing Transport Consultancy Professional Services contract with Amey OW Limited at a registered address of Chancery Exchange, 10 Furnival Street, London, EC4A 1AB in accordance with the Council's Constitution, Contract Procedure Rules, and National Procurement Regulations.

2.0 REASONS FOR THE DECISION

- 2.1 The proposals within this report will ensure that on-going highway engineering schemes included within the CRSTS CATP programme for 2024/25 continue to be worked upon that will allow the effective delivery of the capital grant funded schemes. The contract scope has not varied, the 50% increase is required because the contract has delivered more than initially thought.
- 2.2 The proposals within this report will allow purchase orders to be raised for the appointed consultancy to be able to continue to work on capital grant funded schemes.
- 2.3 The delivery of the Council's CRSTS CATP programme contributes to the following strategic objectives of the Liverpool City Region Road Safety Strategy:
 - A reduction in the number and severity of road traffic collisions working to a target of no avoidable collisions by 2040;
 - Creating the conditions for more people to make safer journeys on foot or by bicycle and enabling more children to walk and cycle to school; and
 - Contributing to improved air quality and reducing climate changing CO₂ emissions.
- 2.4 Failure to agree to this increase in contract value will result in stopping all associated works with Amey Consultants and the need to undertake a re-procurement exercise that will ultimately delay the delivery of ongoing schemes that Amey are working on. Furthermore, if it is necessary to re-tender a new contract and should Amey not be successful then this will only further exacerbate the process as any new successful bidder is likely to go back to the beginning of the detailed design stage.

2.5 A strict management and monitoring regime will be in place to ensure that any further orders of work against this contract will be not exceed the 50% increase in contact value.

3.0 STATEMENT OF COMPLIANCE

3.1 The decision was made further to legal advice from the 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 recommendations reflect the core principles of good governance set out in the Council's Code of Corporate Governance.

4.0 DECLARATION OF INTEREST

4.1 None.

Signed:

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

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