

CONTRACT FOR COLD APPLIED ASPHALT SURFACING OF FOOTWAYS

Report of the Director of Development and Cultural Services

SUMMARY OF REPORT

- 1.1 A programme of cold applied asphalt surfacing of footways is included within this financial year's major maintenance programme.
- 1.2 An approach has been made by a specialist company, Specialist Surfacing Limited, to carry out the works at last year's rates if the works are issued before the end of May 2002. This is expected to result in savings to the Council.
- 1.3 This report seeks Cabinet's approval to waive Contract Procedure Rules to enable the works to be issued to Specialist Surfacing Limited.

RECOMMENDATIONS

2. To approve the waiver of Contract Procedure Rules to enable award of a cold applied asphalt surfacing contract to Specialist Surfacing Limited.

REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS

3. It is expected that there will be a saving to the Council in the cost of the programme, and a saving of other costs in the tendering procedure.

MATTER FOR CONSIDERATION

- 4.1 Cold applied asphalt surfacing is a low cost method of resurfacing footways. A programme of this surfacing is included within this financial year's major maintenance programme. A list of sites has been prepared and is ready to issue. The approximate value of the works is £65,000.
- 4.2 An approach has been made by Specialist Surfacing Limited, who are currently working in an adjacent authority, to carry out the works at last year's rates if the works can be issued by the end of May so as to provide them with continuity of work.
- 4.3 The last time such a contract was awarded, Specialist Surfacing Limited were the lowest tenderer by a substantial margin, and would be expected to win this year's contract. There have recently been increases in costs of bitumen which would have the effect of increasing this year's rates, so the offer to carry out the works at last year's rates is expected to result in savings on the cost of the works.
- 4.4 Specialist Surfacing Limited's standard of work on their last contract was very good and highway maintenance officers would be happy to award them this year's works.
- 4.5 Awarding the works to Specialist Surfacing Limited would also save the costs of the tendering process and relieve some of the pressure on staff resources within the Design Section.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

5. The costs of the works will be met from the Highway Maintenance revenue budget. Award of the contract direct to Specialist Surfacing Limited is expected to result in savings in the cost of the works.

LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

6. None arising from this report.

PERSONNEL IMPLICATIONS

7. None arising from this report.

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPLICATIONS

8. None arising from this report.

EQUALITIES IMPLICATIONS

9. None arising from this report.

Background Papers: None