

APPENDIX C: ENVIRONMENT AND SUSTAINABILITY ASSESSMENT

Environment and Sustainability Assessment

Project Title:	Procurement Strategy for Highways Maintenance & Management Contract Arrangement	
Directorate: City Operations	Service: Highways and Infrastructure	Person Responsible for assessment: Judy Johnson
Date of assessment: 2 May 2024	Is it a new or existing proposal?: Existing	
<p>Brief description of the proposal:</p> <p>For Cabinet to approve the extension of the Interim Services Contract to ensure continuity of services with regards to the maintenance and management of the highway network.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> i. To enter into a further extension of the Interim Service Contract for a period of up to 24 months commencing 1 August 2024. We request that Cabinet delegates the award of any subsequent contract to the Strategic Director, City Operations in conjunction with the Interim Director, Procurement and Commercial, the Interim Director of Finance (Section 151 Officer) and the Interim City Solicitor and Monitoring Officer (or their delegates), in accordance with the approach in paragraph 7.4.1. This is for the estimated value of £75.3m. ii. The procurement of, and delegated authority to procure, the additional and ancillary services required to support the ISC contract for the subsequent maintenance and management of the public highways network. This includes the following areas, the costs for which are captured within the estimated value of £75.3m noted above: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Highways insurance and associated cover; • Third party claims handling facility; • Provision of commercial expertise, services, and assessment of the Interim Service Contract; 		

- Independent health and safety advisory services;
- Data and communication supplier for connections handled by Thimble Mill depot and the UTC;
- Other services specific to the hosting and maintenance of the network.

Potential impacts of the decision on:	Positive Impact	Negative Impact	No Specific Impact	What will the impact be? If the impact is negative, how can it be mitigated, what action will be taken?
Natural Resources - Impact on natural resources including water, soil, air			x	<p>This decision will not have a direct impact on the use of natural resources beyond those already committed to by the Council in conducting its statutory obligations to maintain its existing highway infrastructure.</p> <p>Investment will require the use of natural resources to maintain highway infrastructure. The impact of this use is mitigated by using reused or recycled materials where appropriate (see below under Sustainable Products).</p>
Energy use and CO ₂ emissions			x	<p>This decision itself will not have a direct impact on the use of energy and CO₂ emissions.</p> <p>Consequential investment in street lighting and other powered apparatus will result in more energy-efficient equipment being used, thereby reducing energy use and CO₂ emissions.</p>

Potential impacts of the decision on:	Positive Impact	Negative Impact	No Specific Impact	What will the impact be? If the impact is negative, how can it be mitigated, what action will be taken?
Quality of environment	x			<p>This decision itself will not have a direct impact on the quality of the environment.</p> <p>Investment in surfacing of Carriageway and Footway will result in renewal and repair of surfaces, which will improve the quality of the environment.</p>
Impact on local green and open spaces and biodiversity			x	<p>This decision will not directly affect green / open spaces or biodiversity. Management of the Council's 76,000 highway trees is part of the services within the contract, ensuring that these trees are maintained and healthy.</p> <p>Maintenance of effective highway drainage contributes to management of water and flood risk.</p>
Use of sustainable products and equipment	x			<p>This decision itself will not have a direct impact on the use of sustainable products and equipment.</p> <p>Where surfacing works are undertaken, materials are reused wherever possible, typically either relaying existing materials (such as paving) if not damaged or using recycled materials (such as materials made from recycling previous surfacing materials).</p> <p>For street lighting or powered apparatus works see Energy Use above.</p>

Potential impacts of the decision on:	Positive Impact	Negative Impact	No Specific Impact	What will the impact be? If the impact is negative, how can it be mitigated, what action will be taken?
Minimising waste	x			<p>This decision itself will not have a direct impact on minimising waste.</p> <p>Where materials can be re-used (as described under Sustainable Products above) this minimises waste.</p>
Council plan priority: a city that takes a leading role in tackling climate change	x			<p>Use of sustainable materials and improved energy efficiency are key outcomes within the delivery of the statutory duties that this decision enables. This is part of the Council taking a leading role in tackling climate change.</p>
Overall conclusion on the environmental and sustainability impacts of the proposal	<p>The service delivery that results from this decision is necessary to meet the Council's statutory duties to maintain the Highway. The above mitigations reduce the impact of this where appropriate and most investment in powered apparatus will additionally improve energy efficiency as part of the benefits.</p> <p>The sub-contractor will set out its targets and approach to sustainability during negotiations. It is a requirement for this to be aligned with the Council's objectives.</p>			