

# Birmingham City Council

## Report to Cabinet

Date: 14<sup>th</sup> May 2024



**Subject:** KEY DECISION PLANNED PROCUREMENT ACTIVITIES (JUNE 2024 – AUGUST 2024)

**Report of:** INTERM COMMERCIAL AND PROCUREMENT DIRECTOR

**Relevant Cabinet Member:** Councillor John Cotton, Leader

**Relevant O & S Chair(s):** Councillor Jack Deakin, Chair of Finance and Resources OSC

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### 1 Executive Summary

- 1.1 This report provides details of the planned procurement activity for the period June 2024 – August 2024 which are key decisions and all contract award decisions made under Chief Officer's delegation during the previous quarter. Planned procurement activities reported previously are not repeated in this report.

- 1.2 The report enables Cabinet to identify whether any reports for procurement activities should be brought to this meeting for specific executive decision, otherwise they will be dealt with under Chief Officer delegations up to the value of £10m, unless TUPE applies to current Council staff.

## **2 Recommendations**

- 2.1 To approve the planned procurement activities and approve Chief Officer delegations, set out in the Constitution for the subsequent decisions around procurement strategy for the following:
- Weed Spraying Services for Birmingham Parks and Nurseries
  - Tower Block Fire Safety Improvement Works
  - Fire Door Installations
  - IT Service Management Solution
  - Security Tooling Renewals
  - Bikeability Cycle Training
  - Streetworks Coring Programme

## **3 Background**

- 3.1 The report approved by Council Business Management Committee on 16 February 2016 set out the case for introducing this process.
- 3.2 At the 12<sup>th</sup> July 2022 meeting of Council changes to procurement governance were agreed which gives Chief Officers the delegated authority to approve procurement contracts up to the value of £10m for key decisions over the life of the contract. Where it is likely that the award of a contract will result in staff employed by the Council transferring to the successful contract under TUPE, the contract award decision has to be made by Cabinet.
- 3.3 In line with the Procurement and Contract Governance Rules that form part of the Council's Constitution, this report acts as the process to consult with and take soundings from Cabinet Members and the Resources Overview & Scrutiny Committee.
- 3.4 This report sets out the planned procurement activity over the next few months where the contract value is between the procurement threshold £179,086.67 (excluding VAT) and £10m (excluding VAT) for key decisions. This will give members visibility of all procurement activity within these thresholds and the opportunity to identify whether any procurement reports should be brought to Cabinet for approval even though they are below the £10m delegation threshold.
- 3.5 It should be noted that the procurement threshold has changed from £177,897.50 to £179,086.67 (excluding VAT) and applies from 1st January 2024 for a period of 2 years.
- 3.6 Individual procurements may be referred to Cabinet for an executive decision at the request of Cabinet, a Cabinet Member or the Chair of Resources Overview & Scrutiny Committee where there are sensitivities or requirements that necessitate a decision being made by Cabinet.

3.7 Procurements below £10m contract value that are not listed on this, or subsequent monthly reports can only be delegated to Chief Officers if specific approval is sought from Cabinet. Procurements above £10m contract value will still require an individual report to Cabinet in order for the award decision to be delegated to Chief Officers if appropriate.

3.8 A briefing note with details for each item to be procured is listed in Appendix 2.

#### **4 Options considered and Recommended Proposal**

4.1 The options considered are:

- To identify specific individual procurements as listed in appendix 1 for further consideration, along with clear reason(s) for such additional consideration, to Cabinet around the procurement strategy and contract award .
- To approve the planned procurement activities for all the projects listed in appendix 1 and approve Chief Officer delegations as set out in the Constitution, for the subsequent decisions around procurement strategy and contract awards.– this is the recommended option.

#### **5 Consultation / Engagement**

5.1 This report to Cabinet is copied to Cabinet Members, Cabinet Support Officers and to Resources Overview & Scrutiny Committee and therefore is the process for consulting with relevant cabinet and scrutiny members. At the point of submitting this report Cabinet Members/ Resources Overview & Scrutiny Committee Chair have not indicated that any of the planned procurement activity needs to be brought back to Cabinet for executive decision.

5.2 Approval has been sought from the relevant Spend Control Board prior to inclusion on the PPAR.

#### **6 Risk Management**

6.1 Members should note that in respect of any procurement projects which are sought to be referred back to Cabinet for further considerations these may impact on timescales around the delivery of those projects.

6.2 Details of Risk Management, Community Cohesion and Equality Act requirements will be set out in the individual reports.

#### **7 Compliance Issues:**

##### **7.1 How are the recommended decisions consistent with the City Council's priorities, plans and strategies?**

7.1.1 Details of how the contracts listed in Appendix 1 and Appendix 2 support relevant Council policies, plans or strategies, will be set out in the individual reports.

##### **7.2 Legal Implications**

7.2.1 Members are reminded that as a Local Authority the Council has specific duties under public sector procurement, specifically the Public Contract Regulations 2015.

7.2.2 Specific details of any implications related to public sector procurement Regulations are set out- in the individual reports appended to this report.

### **7.3 Financial Implications**

7.3.1 Specific details of how decisions will be carried out within existing finances and resources will be set out in the individual reports.

7.3.2 Any cashable savings generated as a result of the procurement exercises are detailed in Appendix 2 to the delivery of procurement related savings and be removed from Directorate where identified in addition to the existing service area savings target as set out in the Medium-Term Financial Plan (MTFP) in line with the principles to treatment of identified savings against third party contracts as agreed by CLT on 24th January 2022.

### **7.4 Procurement Implications (if required)**

7.4.1 As noted under the Legal Implications the Council has a duty to ensure that public sector procurement activity is in line with public sector legislation, specifically the Public Contracts Regulations 2015.

7.4.2 For each of the individual projects the specific procurement implications associated to the legislation are set out and detailed in the appendices.

### **7.5 Human Resources Implications (if required)**

7.5.1 None.

### **7.6 Public Sector Equality Duty**

7.6.1 Details of Risk Management, Community Cohesion and Equality Act requirements will be set out in the individual reports which should also give consideration to application of Equality Impact Assessments in line with Council Policy.

## **8 Background Documents**

8.1 List of Appendices accompanying this Report (if any):

- 1. Appendix 1 - Planned Procurement Activity June 2024 – August 2024
- 2. Appendix 2 – Background Briefing Paper

## APPENDIX 1 – PLANNED PROCUREMENT ACTIVITIES (June 2024 – August 2024)

No.	Type of Report	Title of Procurement	Ref	Brief Description	Contract Duration	Directorate	Portfolio	Finance Officer	Contact Name	Planned CO Decision Date
1	Strategy / Award	Weed Spraying Services for Birmingham Parks and Nurseries	P1102	This contract will be for a provider to manage the application of herbicides to shrub beds and other non-crop surfaces for all Council land on the current programme of Grounds Maintenance (GM) work. Weeds are sprayed 3 times per year.	Up to 2 years	City Operations	Environment	Carl Tomlinson	Gary McManus / Janine Weetman	24/06/2024
2	Strategy / Award	Tower Block Fire Safety Improvement Works	P2218	Following several external surveys, the Cricket Blocks, comprising of three separate buildings (Century, Wickets and Boundary) have been identified as requiring the urgent replacement of the external cladding due to the lack of fire-retardant material used when the blocks were refurbished in 2013. The 3 blocks require the existing panels to be replaced as soon as possible to meet regulations following the Grenfell Tower tragedy.	up to 14 months	City Housing	Housing & Homelessness	Andrew Healey	Glen Finch / Dean Billingham	08/07/2024
3	Strategy / Award	Fire Door Installations	P2219	Following the cleansing of systems data and a review of the stock condition information provided, there are circa 2000 fire doors that have not been fitted due to the in-ability and/or refusal to gain access to the property. The Council has now agreed to take legal action against tenants refusing access to properties to ensure the safety of all tenants and residents. This has resulted in a backlog of around 2000 fire doors. The doors will be supplied by Shelforce and installed by the successful contractor. These installs would be in addition to the annual programme.	up to 14 months	City Housing	Housing & Homelessness	Andrew Healey	Glen Finch / Dean Billingham	08/07/2024
4	Strategy / Award	IT Service Management Solution	TBC	Provision of a third-party hosted IT Service Management (ITSM) platform with workflow capability to support the delivery of: - IT Operations Management - Incident Problem & Change Management - Release management  A new contract for the incumbent platform is now required to facilitate the support, maintenance and enhancement of the current service, until such time a new procurement (and transition) has been undertaken. ServiceNow is deemed a critical toolset that supports the wider operational delivery underpinning the Council's IT infrastructure.	1 year with the option to extend for a further 1 year.	Digital and Technology Services	Digital, Culture, Heritage and Tourism	Ravinder Dhaliwal	Phil Giann / Jake Smith	24/06/2024
5	Strategy / Award	Security Tooling Renewals	TBC	For the support, maintenance and enhancement of the Council's security posture and infrastructure for the following 3 key technologies: •Cyglass: Network event correlation, •Nanitor: vulnerability management •Security HQ: Security operations centre services (SOC/SIEM/SOAR)	1 year with the option to extend for a further 1 year.	Digital and Technology Services	Digital, Culture, Heritage and Tourism	Ravinder Dhaliwal	Bipin Parmar / Jamie Parris	28/05/2024
6	Approval to Tender Strategy	Bikeability Cycle Training	TBC	For the provision of cycle training to meet Bikeability standards for citizens of Birmingham. Bikeability is the Government's national standards cycle training programme which helps people learn practical skills and understand how to cycle on today's roads.	Up to 4 years	Place, Prosperity & Sustainability	Transport	Azhar Rafiq	Joe Green / Charlie Short	19/08/2024
7	Strategy / Award	Streetworks Coring Programme	TBC	The delivery of a monthly coring programme to manage and monitor utility reinstatements. Street works coring, refers to the process of taking samples or cores from the surface of carriageways and footways. These samples are typically extracted to gather information about the composition, condition, or strength of the materials used in constructing those surfaces.	4 years	City Operations	Transport	Carl Tomlinson	Luke Keen / Charlie Short	28/05/2024

## APPENDIX 2

### BRIEFING NOTE ON PLANNED PROCUREMENT ACTIVITIES CABINET – 14th MAY 2024

<b>Title of Contract</b>	<b>Weed Spraying Services for Birmingham Parks and Nurseries</b>
<b>Contact Officers</b>	<b>Director / Assistant Director:</b> Andy Vaughan, Interim Director Street Scene, City Operations <b>Client Officer:</b> Gary McManus, Best Value Contracts Manager <b>Procurement Officer:</b> Janine Weetman, Sub Category Manager
<b>Relevant Portfolio</b>	<b>Councillor Majid Mahmood - Cabinet Member for Environment</b>
Briefly describe the service required.	This contract will be for a provider to manage the application of herbicides to shrub beds and other non-crop surfaces for all Council land on the current programme of Grounds Maintenance (GM) work. Weeds are sprayed 3 times per year.
What is the proposed procurement route?	The proposed route will be to award a contract from the Agri-Epi Centre (AEC): Neutral Vendor Framework for Multi-Specialism Services.
What are the existing arrangements? Is there an existing contract? If so when does that expire?	The current contract providing these services is due to expire 27 <sup>th</sup> April 2024. The next spraying will be due in June 2024.
Will any savings be generated?	Due to market price increases and the current economic climate, it is unlikely that there will be any cashable savings generated by this project.
Has the In-House Preferred Test been carried out?	BPN do not self-deliver the application of herbicides to shrub beds and other non-crop surfaces due to the investment in equipment that would be required, the regulations around the storage of chemicals and the weather risk.
How will this service assist with the Council's commitments to Route to Zero?	The green spaces maintained by the Grounds Maintenance Service help reduce CO2, the green and Sustainable outcomes which will be met throughout the project include; <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Climate impacts are reduced.</li><li>• Air pollution is reduced.</li><li>• Better places to live.</li></ul> Compliance with BBC4SR policy will be a requirement of the contract.
How do these activities assist the Council with Everybody's Battle; Everybody's Business?	The Grounds Maintenance service contributes to the advancement of a green and sustainable city providing parks, open spaces and services that are accessible to all. Compliance with BBC4SR policy will be a requirement of the call off contract including requirement to commit to a project from Match My Project.
Is the Council under a statutory duty to provide this service? If not, what is the justification for providing it?	There is not a statutory duty to provide this service. However, There is provision of parks and leisure facilities are contained in the Public Health Acts 1875 and 1890, the Public Health Acts Amendments Act 1890, the Public Health Act 1925 and Section 19, Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976. The powers for the maintenance of the public highway are contained within the Highways Act 1980.  The grounds maintenance service also supports the following Council Priorities: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Birmingham is a great, clean and green city to live in. Birmingham is a city that takes a leading role in tackling climate change.</li></ul>
Approval via Spend Control Board.	Approval was obtained via Section 151 Spend Board on 14 <sup>th</sup> March 2024 - ID 3701.
Estimated value of project (note: value estimated at time of submission of PPAR, this may change at time of	The estimated total contract value for the period of the contract is £780,000.

advancing any related procurement activity)	
What budget is the funding from for this service?	This is funded from the existing Birmingham Parks Operations budget of £390,000 per annum pa which will cover 2-year period.
Proposed start date and duration of the new contract	The proposed start date is June 2024 for a period of up to 2 years.

<b>Title of Contract</b>	<b>Tower Block Fire Safety Improvement Works</b>
<b>Contact Officers</b>	<b>Director / Assistant Director:</b> Wayne Davies, Service Director Asset Management (Housing) <b>Client Officer:</b> Glen Finch, Consultant (Capital Projects) <b>Procurement Officer:</b> Dean Billingham, Procurement Specialist
<b>Relevant Portfolio</b>	<b>Councillor Jayne Francis - Cabinet Member for Housing &amp; Homelessness</b>
Briefly describe the service required.	Following several external surveys, the Cricket Blocks, comprising of three separate buildings (Century, Wickets and Boundary) have been identified as requiring the urgent replacement of the external cladding due to the lack of fire-retardant material used when the blocks were refurbished in 2013. The 3 blocks require the existing panels to be replaced as soon as possible to meet regulations following the Grenfell Tower tragedy.
What is the proposed procurement route?	Further Competition via a PCR15 compliant 3 <sup>rd</sup> party framework which specialises in fire safety works (i.e., Fusion21, CHIC, Procurement Hub, ESPO etc.) The award process will be based on an agreed set criteria of quality, social value and price to ensure an approved competent contractor is selected and value for money is achieved.
What are the existing arrangements? Is there an existing contract? If so when does that expire?	The Council recently awarded a 2-year interim Housing Repairs & Maintenance (HRM) contract to Equans and Fortem to deliver this type of work. The Cricket Blocks fall under Fortem's geographical area of South of the City. However, Fortem currently have two blocks on site and a further two blocks to start this year. Given the Cricket Blocks have recently been identified as additional blocks that need urgent work to be actioned this year, it is felt capacity through Fortem will be an issue. The new interim HRM contract allows urgent fire/safety related works to be procured separately should capacity and resource be an issue with incumbent contractors.
Will any savings be generated?	All parties will work in partnership throughout the duration of the contract to identify cost down and value engineering opportunities. The procurement process will also look to deliver value for money by awarding a contract based on evaluated tendered submissions below the pre-tender estimate where possible.
Has the In-House Preferred Test been carried out?	The Council does not have an in-house workforce to deliver this project. However, the client function will be delivered by the Council.
How will this service assist with the Council's commitments to Route to Zero?	The replacement of the cladding with an A rated system will better insulate the units within the blocks and bring the properties up to a minimum EPC C standard rating.
How do these activities assist the Council with Everybody's Battle; Everybody's Business?	These services will support the Councils Levelling Up Strategy (November 2021) and ensure its housing stock meets the minimum statutory requirements to provide a safe, clean, dry and warm environment for its residents.
Is the Council under a statutory duty to provide this service? If not, what is the justification for providing it?	There is a statutory duty to provide this service following the Grenfell Tower tragedy. The Regulator has advised the Council to ensure all blocks with this type of panel are safe by replacing them with an agreed approved system.
Approval via Spend Control Board.	The HRA business plan which included all spend activity for these works was approved by Cabinet on 16th January 2024.

Estimated value of project (note: value estimated at time of submission of PPAR, this may change at time of advancing any related procurement activity)	The pre-tender estimate value is £9,000,000 based on a soft market test of the supply chain and a review via an independent cost consultant currently working for the Council. This is against the current agreed employers' scope and specification.
What budget is the funding from for this service?	This is funded from the HRA budget.
Proposed start date and duration of the new contract	The proposed start date is July 2024 for a period of up to 14 months.

<b>Title of Contract</b>	<b>Fire Door Installations</b>
<b>Contact Officers</b>	<b>Director / Assistant Director:</b> Wayne Davies, Service Director Asset Management (Housing) <b>Client Officer:</b> Glen Finch, Consultant (Capital Projects) <b>Procurement Officer:</b> Dean Billingham, Procurement Specialist
<b>Relevant Portfolio</b>	<b>Councillor Jayne Francis - Cabinet Member for Housing &amp; Homelessness</b>
Briefly describe the service required.	Following the cleansing of systems data and a review of the stock condition information provided, there are circa 2000 fire doors that have not been fitted due to the in-ability and/or refusal to gain access to the property. The Council has now agreed to take legal action against tenants refusing access to properties to ensure the safety of all tenants and residents. This has resulted in a backlog of around 2000 fire doors. The doors will be supplied by Shelforce and installed by the successful contractor. These installs would be in addition to the annual programme.
What is the proposed procurement route?	Further-Competition via a PCR15 compliant 3rd party framework which specialises in fire safety works (i.e., Fusion21, CHIC, Procurement Hub, ESPO etc.) The award process will be based on an agreed set criteria of quality, social value and price to ensure an approved competent contractor is selected and value for money is achieved.
What are the existing arrangements? Is there an existing contract? If so when does that expire?	The Council recently awarded a 2-year interim Housing Repairs & Maintenance (HRM) contract to Equans and Fortem to deliver this type of work. However, both incumbent contractors currently have an annual programme for installing fire doors, and therefore additional capacity is needed to deliver the recently identified backlog. The new interim HRM contract allows urgent fire/safety related works to be procured separately should capacity and resource be an issue with incumbent contractors.
Will any savings be generated?	All parties will work in partnership throughout the duration of the contract to identify cost down and value engineering opportunities. The procurement process will also look to deliver value for money by awarding a contract based on evaluated tendered submissions below the pre-tender estimate where possible.
Has the In-House Preferred Test been carried out?	The Council does not have an in-house workforce to deliver this project. However, the client function will be delivered by the Council.
How will this service assist with the Council's commitments to Route to Zero?	N/A
How do these activities assist the Council with Everybody's Battle; Everybody's Business?	These services will support the Councils Levelling Up Strategy (November 2021) and ensure its housing stock meets the minimum statutory requirements to provide a safe, clean, dry and warm environment for its residents.
Is the Council under a statutory duty to provide this service? If not, what is the justification for providing it?	There is a statutory duty to provide this service following the Grenfell Tower tragedy.



Approval via Spend Control Board.	The HRA business plan which included all spend activity for these works was approved by cabinet on 16th January 2024.
Estimated value of project (note: value estimated at time of submission of PPAR, this may change at time of advancing any related procurement activity)	The pre-tender estimate value is £4,000,000 based on a soft market test of the supply chain. This is against the current agreed employers' scope and specification.
What budget is the funding from for this service?	This is funded from the HRA budget.
Proposed start date and duration of the new contract	The proposed start date for is July 2024 for a period of up to 14 months.

<b>Title of Contract</b>	<b>IT Service Management Solution</b>
<b>Contact Officers</b>	<b>Director / Assistant Director:</b> John Gladman, Interim Director of Digital Information & Technology Services <b>Client Officers:</b> Phil Giann, Head of Technology Practice - Customer Experience <b>Procurement Officer :</b> Jake Smith, IT Category Manager
<b>Relevant Portfolio</b>	<b>Cabinet Member for Digital, Culture, Heritage and Tourism – Saima Suleman</b>
Briefly describe the service required.	Provision of a third-party hosted IT Service Management (ITSM) platform with workflow capability to support the delivery of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- IT Operations Management</li> <li>- Incident Problem &amp; Change Management</li> <li>- Release management</li> </ul> <p>A new contract for the incumbent platform is now required to facilitate the support, maintenance and enhancement of the current service, until such time a new procurement (and transition) has been undertaken. ServiceNow is deemed a critical toolset that supports the wider operational delivery underpinning the Council's IT infrastructure.</p>
What is the proposed procurement route?	Direct award to the proprietary licensor via a compliant national or regional framework agreement and value-added reseller (VAR).
What are the existing arrangements? Is there an existing contract? If so when does that expire?	The Council currently utilise Service Now via FlyForm (as the current VAR). The contract expires in June 2024.
Will any savings be generated?	Savings are not anticipated for the renewal.
Has the In-House Preferred Test been carried out?	Yes – this service cannot be delivered in-house as this is a third-party technology / software solution that the Council cannot deliver.
How will this service assist with the Council's commitments to Route to Zero?	The system is externally hosted, thereby reducing the Council's carbon footprint.
How do these activities assist the Council with Everybody's Battle; Everybody's Business?	This procurement does not (directly) assist with Everybody's Battle; Everybody's Business.
Is the Council under a statutory duty to provide this service? If not, what is the justification for providing it?	There is not a statutory duty to provide this service. However, ServiceNow is deemed a critical toolset that supports the wider operational delivery underpinning the Council's IT infrastructure.
Approval via Spend Control Board.	Approval was obtained via Section 151 Spend Board on 4th April 2024 for a 1-year period. A further S151 approval has been sought in respect of an additional, contingent 1 year period, thereby a 1+1 is being presented within the scope and financials of this PPAR.
What budget is the funding from for this service?	This is funded from the Digital & Technology 3 <sup>rd</sup> Party budget - General Fund.
Estimated value of project (note: value estimated at time of submission of PPAR, this may change at time of advancing any related procurement activity)	The estimated value of the contract is £1,908,000 which consists of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Year 1 - £954,000</li> <li>• Year 2 (Contingent) - £954,000</li> </ul>
Proposed start date and duration of the new contract	The proposed start date is 30th June for a period of 1 year, with the option to extend for a further 1 year.

<b>Title of Contract</b>	<b>Security Tooling Renewals</b>
<b>Contact Officers</b>	<b>Director / Assistant Director:</b> John Gladman – Interim Director of Digital and Technology Services <b>Client Officers:</b> Bipin Parmar – Head of Security & Networks <b>Procurement Officer:</b> Jamie Parris – Lead Commissioning Manager
<b>Relevant Portfolio</b>	<b>Councillor Saima Suleman - Cabinet Member for Digital, Culture, Heritage</b>
Briefly describe the service required.	For the support, maintenance and enhancement of the Council's security posture and infrastructure for the following 3 key technologies: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Cyglass: Network event correlation,</li> <li>• Nanitor: vulnerability management</li> <li>• Security HQ: Security operations centre services (SOC/SIEM/SOAR)</li> </ul>
What is the proposed procurement route?	A procurement exercise will be undertaken using a compliant third-party framework agreement identified as the most suitable for this requirement.
What are the existing arrangements? Is there an existing contract? If so when does that expire?	The existing contracts will expire May/July/August 2024.
Will any savings be generated?	Savings are not anticipated; however, the commercial outcome is expected to be cost neutral. Value options will be explored and provisioned for should a singular VAR be identified who submitted best pricing across all 3 separate procurements.
Has the In-House Preferred Test been carried out?	This cannot be supported in-house due to the nature of the tools required to maintain/improve the Council's security posture.
How will this service assist with the Council's commitments to Route to Zero?	Hosted solutions which will reduce the Council's carbon footprint.
How do these activities assist the Council with Everybody's Battle; Everybody's Business?	This activity does not (directly) assist the Council with EBEB.
Is the Council under a statutory duty to provide this service? If not, what is the justification for providing it?	There is not a statutory duty to provide this service. However, the service is required to maintain the Council's critical cyber security posture, in such climate whereby cyber-attacks are increasing and prevalent.
Approval via Spend Control Board.	Approval was obtained via Section S151 Spend Board on 25 <sup>th</sup> March 2024.
What budget is the funding from for this service?	This is funded from the Digital & Technology 3 <sup>rd</sup> Party budget - General Fund.
Estimated value of project (note: value estimated at time of submission of PPAR, this may change at time of advancing any related procurement activity)	The estimated total contract value for the following 3 key technologies is £1,615,000: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Nanitor – £584,000</li> <li>• Cyglass – £493,000</li> <li>• Security SQ – £538,000</li> </ul>
Proposed start date and duration of the new contracts	The proposed start dates are as follows: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Nanitor – 1<sup>st</sup> June 2024</li> <li>• Cyglass – 3<sup>rd</sup> August 2024</li> <li>• Security SQ – 11<sup>th</sup> July 2024</li> </ul> <p>These will be for a duration of 1 year with the option to extend for a further 1 year.</p>

<b>Title of Contract</b>	<b>Bikeability Cycle Training</b>
<b>Contact Officers</b>	<b>Director / Assistant Director:</b> Phil Edwards – Assistant Director, Transport & Connectivity <b>Client Officer:</b> Joe Green, Travel Demand Manager <b>Procurement Officer:</b> Charlie Short, Procurement Manager
<b>Relevant Portfolio</b>	<b>Councillor Liz Clements - Cabinet Member for Transport</b>
Briefly describe the service required.	To the provision of cycle training to meet Bikeability standards for citizens of Birmingham. Bikeability is the Government's national standards cycle training programme which helps people learn practical skills and understand how to cycle on today's roads.
What is the proposed procurement route?	An open procurement process advertised on Find a Tender, Contracts Finder, and FinditinBirmingham.
What are the existing arrangements? Is there an existing contract? If so when does that expire?	The management of the current scheme is managed by The Active Wellbeing Society under a Condition of Grant Aid agreement .
Will any savings be generated?	No savings will be generated from a grant-funded scheme.
Has the In-House Preferred Test been carried out?	Yes, and the test demonstrated this is not suitable to be carried out in-house as there are not the skills or capability to deliver the services required.
How will this service assist with the Council's commitments to Route to Zero?	This service will directly contribute to the delivery of the Birmingham Transport Plan, particularly the key principle of prioritising active travel in local neighbourhoods. This will help to encourage and enable children, young people, and families to use active travel for the journey to school as well as other local trips rather than using private cars for these.
How do these activities assist the Council with Everybody's Battle; Everybody's Business?	Bikeability cycle training will be made available to all sections of the community. This will increase cycle confidence and safety in children and young people, contributing towards healthier and more active lifestyles. It is expected that this will be particularly beneficial for those who are typically under-represented in cycling, including ethnic minorities, those with disabilities, and those of lower socio-economic demographics.
Is the Council under a statutory duty to provide this service? If not, what is the justification for providing it?	There is not a statutory duty to provide this service. However, the service is required to support delivery of the Birmingham Transport Plan and significantly contributes towards the delivery of the statutory duty to provide road safety education, training, and campaigns.
Approval via Spend Control Board.	A spend control request was approved by the Place, Prosperity & Sustainability Spend Control Board on 16 <sup>th</sup> April 2024 and the S151 Officer Spend Control Board on 17 <sup>th</sup> April 2024 (ref #6759).
Estimated value of project (note: value estimated at time of submission of PPAR, this may change at time of advancing any related procurement activity)	The estimated value of the contract is £5,000,000.
What budget is the funding from for this service?	This service is funded from the Bikeability Scheme budget.
Proposed start date and duration of the new contract	The proposed start date is October 2024 for a period of up to 4 years with break clauses subject to funding availability.

<b>Title of Contract</b>	<b>Streetworks Coring Programme</b>
<b>Contact Officers</b>	<b>Director / Assistant Director:</b> Mark Shelswell – Assistant Director, Highways & Infrastructure <b>Client Officer:</b> Luke Keen, Highways Network Manager <b>Procurement Officer:</b> Charlie Short, Procurement Manager
<b>Relevant Portfolio</b>	<b>Councillor Liz Clements - Cabinet Member for Transport</b>
Briefly describe the service required.	The delivery of a monthly coring programme to manage and monitor utility reinstatements. Street works coring, refers to the process of taking samples or cores from the surface of carriageways and footways. These samples are typically extracted to gather information about the composition, condition, or strength of the materials used in constructing those surfaces. The service is to obtain a substantial amount of data on utility performance. A training service is also required on a call-off basis to ensure employees are suitably trained on updates to relevant legislation and codes of practice in order to carry out their day-to-day duties. Consultancy support is also required on a call of basis for specific pieces of work such as the annual Permit Report that the Council is required to submit to the DfT to assess our performance.
What is the proposed procurement route?	A call off using the AEC Neutral Vendor Framework for Multi-Specialism Services in accordance with its protocol.
What are the existing arrangements? Is there an existing contract? If so when does that expire?	This is a one-off requirement.
Will any savings be generated?	No, cost neutral to support the protection of the Council's highway asset.
Has the In-House Preferred Test been carried out?	Yes, and the test demonstrated this is not suitable to be carried out in-house as it is a specialist service which requires the use of specific resources, plant, and machinery. It also requires the use of an UKAS registered laboratory.
How will this service assist with the Council's commitments to Route to Zero?	This service will promote a better standard of Utility reinstatements, driving behaviour change. This will result in better workmanship and fewer maintenance interventions in future. This will reduce network occupancy days for highway works and result in less congestion on Birmingham's highway network.
How do these activities assist the Council with Everybody's Battle; Everybody's Business?	There is no direct impact on Everybody's Battle, Everybody's Business from the award of this contract.
Is the Council under a statutory duty to provide this service? If not, what is the justification for providing it?	There is not a statutory duty to provide this service. However, the service is required to help support the statutory duty to maintain the highway under section 41 of the Highways Act 1980.
Approval via Spend Control Board.	Approval was obtained via City Operations Spend Control Board on 26 <sup>th</sup> March 2024 and Section S151 Spend Control Board on 27 <sup>th</sup> March 2024.
Estimated value of project (note: value estimated at time of submission of PPAR, this may change at time of advancing any related procurement activity)	The estimated cost of the contract is £1,680,000.
What budget is the funding from for this service?	This is funded from the New Roads & Streetworks Permit Team budget.
Proposed start date and duration of the new contract	The proposed start date is June 2024 and for a period of 4 years.