

Record of decision taken under delegated powers by a council officer



Title:	Approval to Award a Framework Agreement for the Delivery of Countryside Services in Surrey
Divisions Affected:	All
Key Decision:	Yes
Reason Key:	Over £500,000
Decision taken under delegation by virtue of:	Cabinet 17 December 2019 Min ref: 217/19

Summary

Surrey Highways and Countryside are responsible for the maintenance of Surreys Countryside. The services required for the maintenance of Surreys Countryside includes include statutory maintenance and responsive repairs as they arise and include but are not limited to Grass Cutting, Arboriculture, Weed Control, Ditching, Vegetation clearance. For the Rights of Way network, this includes Minor Structures Maintenance.

The existing Framework Agreement used by Highways and Countryside to commission these services expires on the 31 March 2020. An open competition through an OJEU compliant tender process has been conducted to put in place a new Framework to enable Countryside and Highways to continue to commission these services compliantly.

The new Framework is split into 6 lots. These lots are Countryside, Local Highways, Arboriculture, Weed Control, Grass cutting and Basingstoke Canal Works.

Decision made

It was AGREED that following an open tender process, a Framework Agreement be awarded for Countryside Services across Surrey to 41 suppliers.

Reasons for Decision:

Surrey County Council is under several legal duties to maintain access to the Countryside. These duties include preservation of suitable access for rights of way and general health and safety requirements while on the Countryside Estate.

For services of the value the Council must comply with the Public Contracts Regulations 2015 (PCRs) and the Council's own Procurement and Contract Standing Orders (PCSOs). The letting of a multi-supplier framework through an advertised process will satisfy the requirements of both the PCRs and the PCSOs. Surrey County Council is under several legal duties to maintain access to the Countryside. These duties include preservation of suitable access for rights of way and general health and safety requirements while on the Countryside Estate.

Decision taken by:	Executive Director Environment, Transport & Infrastructure (Katie Stewart)
Decision taken on:	31 March 2020
To be implemented on:	13 April 2020

Alternative options considered

None.

Summary of any financial implications

There is an overall funding for this scheme at £3,000,000 per annum to deliver the services covered by this Framework Agreement. There is no guaranteed spend through the Framework and spend will be governed by the available budget.

Declarations of conflicts of interest

N/A

Consultation/Process Followed

N/A

Background Documents

Procurement Report

Exempt:

YES