
Report To:	Environment & Regeneration Committee	Date:	1 September 2016
Report By:	Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources	Report No:	ERC/ENV/RG/16.285
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Subject:	RAMP Lighting Column Replacement 2016/18 - Delegated Authority for Contract Award		

1.0 PURPOSE

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to seek approval to grant delegated authority to the Head of Legal & Property Services to accept a tender for RAMP Lighting Column Replacement 2016/18.

2.0 SUMMARY

- 2.1 £1.0m funding has been allocated for RAMP Lighting Improvements for 2016/17, along with an additional £1.9m funding in subsequent years. This is in respect of a programme of LED lantern replacements and lighting column replacements, throughout the Inverclyde Council road network.
- 2.2 It is proposed to procure lighting column replacement works via one external contract advertised via Public Contracts Scotland. The estimated tender value is £1.6m. The tender will be advertised as a Works contract. Contract Standing Order 9.2(ii) states that Committee must approve acceptance of tenders that exceed £500,000. The tender period is provisionally programmed for October into early November 2016 and the estimated award date is December 2016.
- 2.3 With the desire to permit the earliest possible site start during 2016/17, anticipated to be January 2017, it is therefore requested that the Committee grants delegated authority to the Head of Legal & Property Services to accept the most economically advantageous tender on behalf of the Council.

3.0 RECOMMENDATIONS

- 3.1 It is recommended that the Committee approves the issue of tenders for RAMP Lighting Column Replacement 2016/18 and grants delegated authority to the Head of Legal & Property Services to accept the most economically advantageous tender, provided the cost is within the budget allocation for the project.

Robert Graham
Head of Environmental & Commercial Services

4.0 BACKGROUND

- 4.1 £1.0m funding has been allocated for RAMP Lighting Improvements for 2016/17, along with an additional £1.9m funding in subsequent years. This is in respect of a programme of LED lantern replacements and lighting column replacements throughout the Inverclyde Council road network. Approximately £1.6m is allocated to the lighting column replacements, with works programmed for 2016/18. For 2016/17, it was originally anticipated that £500k would be spent on LED lantern replacements and £500k on lighting column replacements; it is proposed that this be re-phased to £750k on LED lanterns with the remainder on the column replacements.
- 4.2 It is proposed to procure the lighting column works via one external contract advertised via Public Contracts Scotland and with an estimated tender value of £1.6m. Taking into account the slightly later than anticipated completion of the design phase in June 2016, and the need to carry out design and document review procedures, the tender period is provisionally programmed for October into early November 2016.
- 4.3 With the desire to permit the earliest possible site start during 2016/17, anticipated to be January 2017, it is therefore requested that the Committee grants delegated authority to the Head of Legal & Property Services to accept the most economically advantageous tender on behalf of the Council. Unfortunately, the Committee cycle does not fit with the tender timescale for delivery of this contract and, allowing for tender acceptance and mobilisation periods, the service does not wish to add any delay to the contract programme.

5.0 PROPOSALS

- 5.1 The tender for RAMP Lighting Column Replacement 2016/18 will be advertised in October/November 2016.
- 5.2 It is proposed that, to proceed to award the contract with an estimated date of January 2017, delegated authority for this be granted to the Head of Legal & Property Services.

6.0 IMPLICATIONS

6.1 Finance

Effective, full and timely use of RAMP funding for 2016/17 is likely to be impacted if the contract award is delayed pending approval to accept the most economically advantageous tender being granted by the Environment & Regeneration Committee at its meeting on 12 January 2017.

One off Costs

Cost Centre	Budget Heading	Budget Years	Proposed spend this report (£000s)	Virement from	Other comments
RAMP	Lighting	2016/18	£1,600	n/a	Contained within existing budget allocation.

Annually Recurring Costs/ (Savings)

Cost Centre	Budget Heading	With Effect from	Annual Net Impact £000	Virement From (If Applicable)	Other Comments
N/A					

Legal

6.2 There are no legal implications arising from this report.

Human Resources

6.3 There are no specific HR implications arising from this report.

Equalities

6.4 As this report does not involve a new policy or a new strategy, there are no equalities issues arising.

Repopulation

6.5 The improvement in the condition of the road lighting network will assist the encouragement of inward investment.

7.0 CONSULTATIONS

7.1 The Chief Financial Officer, Head of Legal & Property Services, and the Corporate Procurement Manager have been consulted on the contents of this report.

8.0 LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS

8.1 None.