

To: Finance, Resources and Customer Services Policy Board

On: 23 November 2023

Report by: The Director of Finance and Resources and the Director of Environment, Housing and Infrastructure

Heading: Traffic Management Improvements - SPT Projects

1. Summary

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to seek the approval of the Finance, Resources and Customer Services Policy Board to award a contract for Traffic Management Improvements - SPT Projects, reference RC-CPU-23-068, to Hillhouse Quarry Group Limited.
 - 1.2 The tendering procedure for this Works Contract followed the Open Procedure in accordance with Renfrewshire Council's Standing Orders Relating to Contracts.
 - 1.3 A Contract Strategy was approved by the Strategic Commercial Category Manager and the Head of Climate, Public Protection and Roads on 5 September 2023.
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2. Recommendations

- 2.1 It is recommended that the Finance, Resources and Customer Services Policy Board:
 - i) Authorises the Head of Corporate Governance to award the Contract for Traffic Management Improvements - SPT Projects, reference RC-CPU-23-068, to Hillhouse Quarry Group Limited.

- ii) Notes that the intended starting date is 15 January 2024 with the completion date being three months from the starting date. The actual starting date will be confirmed in the Council's Letter of Acceptance.
 - iii) Approves the contract value of £225,730.01 excluding VAT. The cost of this contract will be met from funding provided by Strathclyde Partnership for Transport.
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3. **Background**

3.1 Funding has been provided by Strathclyde Partnership for Transport to upgrade traffic signal equipment at the following locations:

- High Street/Collier Street in Johnstone;
- Gallow Green Road/Douglas Street in Paisley; and
- High Street/Millburn Drive/Highgrove Road in Renfrew.

The Council has a requirement for a contractor to undertake these upgrade works.

3.2 The Contract will be formed from the NEC3 Engineering and Construction Short Contract April 2013 with bespoke Z Clauses.

3.3 A contract notice was published on the Public Contracts Scotland advertising portal on Tuesday, 3 October 2023 and the tender documentation was available for downloading from the Public Contracts Scotland – Tender platform.

3.4 During the tender live period, eight companies expressed an interest in the Contract. By the closing date for return of electronic tenders, 12 noon on Friday, 20 October 2023, two companies submitted a response, one declined to respond and five failed to respond.

3.5 In accordance with standing order 11.5, each tenderer was required to submit a completed Single Procurement Document (Scotland) ("SPD (Scotland)"). The tender submissions were evaluated against a pre-determined set of criteria in the SPD (Scotland). Both tenderers satisfied the Council's requirements in respect of their responses to the SPD (Scotland).

3.6 The technical and commercial responses in each tender submission were then scored against the award criteria of 70% commercial (Price) and 30% technical (Quality).

3.7 The scores relative to the award criteria of the tenderers are noted below:

		Price (70%)	Quality (30%)	Total (100%)
	Hillhouse Quarry Group Limited	70.00%	28.00%	98.00%
	Lochwynd Limited	49.56%	21.00%	70.56%

3.8 The evaluation of tender submissions received identified that the submission by Hillhouse Quarry Group Limited was the most economically advantageous tender.

3.9 Community Benefits were requested as part of the procurement process and Hillhouse Quarry Group Limited has committed to the following Community Benefits:

Community Benefit Description	No of People / Activity
S/NVQ (or equivalent) for <ul style="list-style-type: none">• New Tenderer Employee working on this contract• New Supply Chain Employee working on this contract	1

Implications of the Report

1. Financial

The cost of the contract is £225,730.01 excluding VAT and it will be met from funding provided by Strathclyde Partnership for Transport.

2. HR & Organisational Development

None directly arising from this report.

3. Community/Council Planning

Green – the Contract proposed will support the delivery of this Contract.

Living our values – the Contract proposed will support the delivery of this Contract.

4. Legal

The tendering process for this Works Contract was conducted in accordance with the Council Standing Orders relating to Contracts for a below Regulated Open Procedure Works Contract.

5. Property/Assets

This Contract will upgrade traffic signal equipment within the Renfrewshire Council area.

6. Information Technology

None directly arising from this report.

7. Equality & Human Rights

The recommendations contained within this report have been assessed in relation to their impact on equalities and human rights. No negative impacts on equality groups or potential for infringement of individuals' human rights have been identified arising from the recommendations contained in the report. If required following implementation, the actual impact of the recommendations and the mitigating actions will be reviewed and monitored, and the results of the assessment will be published on the Council's website.

8. Health & Safety

Hillhouse Quarry Group Limited's health and safety credentials were evaluated by Corporate Health and Safety and met the Council's requirements regarding health and safety.

9. Procurement

The procurement procedures outlined within this report shall ensure that the Council meets its statutory requirements in respect of procurement procedures, efficiency and modern Government.

10. Risk

Hillhouse Quarry Group Limited has been assessed and evaluated to confirm that they have met the minimum requirements regarding insurable risk.

11. Privacy Impact

None directly arising from this report.

12. Cosla Policy Position

None directly arising from this report.

13. Climate Risk

The level of impact associated with the provision of this work has been assessed using the Scottish Government Sustainability Test and is considered to be low risk.

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