

To: Finance, Resources and Customer Services Policy Board

On: 11 November 2020

Report by: The Chief Executive and the Director of Environment and Infrastructure

Heading: White Cart Footbridge – RC-CPU-20-002

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 the strengthening of the White Cart Footbridge.

1.2 The procurement exercise was conducted in accordance with the Council's Standing Orders Relating to Contracts and the below EU Threshold Open Procedure for Works Contracts.

1.3 A Contract Strategy was approved by the Head of Operations and Infrastructure and the Head of Policy and Commissioning on 16 July 2020.

2. Recommendations

2.1 It is recommended that the Finance, Resources and Customer Services Policy Board authorise the Head of Corporate Governance to:

- a) Award a contract for the Strengthening of the White Cart Footbridge to W I & A Gilbert Limited;
 - b) Authorise a spend of up to £365,683.90 excluding VAT plus an additional 10% contingency for any unforeseen circumstances. This contract will be fully funded by Strathclyde Partnership for Transport (SPT) and Sustrans Limited; and
 - c) Note the intended starting date of 1st December 2020 with an anticipated completion date of 31st March 2021. The actual date will be confirmed in the Council's Letter of Acceptance.
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3. Background

- 3.1 This Contract is to strengthen the White Cart Footbridge. The works will allow the footbridge to be re-opened to the public.
- 3.2 This Contract was tendered as a mini competition under Lot 2 of the Renfrewshire Council Framework Agreement for Repair, Maintenance and Improvements to Roads Related Structures ("the Framework"). The tender documents were made available to all four (4) contractors on Lot 2 of the framework on Monday, 20th July 2020 through the Public Contracts Scotland – Tender portal.
- 3.3 By the closing date set for return of electronic tenders, 10am Tuesday 4th August 2020, two (2) Contractors submitted a response and two (2) did not respond.
- 3.4 The two (2) tender submissions received were evaluated against a pre-determined set of criteria in the form of the European Single Procurement Document (ESPD), as required by the Council's standing order relating to contracts 11.5, by representatives from the Corporate Procurement Unit, Health and Safety and Risk. This assessed competence and expertise. All tenderers were assessed as meeting the minimum criteria following the methodology stated in the Invitation to Tender.
- 3.5 Tender submissions were then assessed against the published set of Award Criteria which were based on a technical/commercial ratio of 30%/70%. The quality scores achieved through the Framework evaluation process were carried forward as the quality scores attributable to this procurement exercise.
- 3.6 The scores relative to the Award Criteria for each of the two (2) tenderers are noted below:

	Commercial (70%)	Technical (30%)	Total (100%)
WI & A Gilbert Limited	70.00%	29.60%	99.60%
MacKenzie Construction Limited	62.85%	30.00%	92.85%

- 3.7 The evaluation of Tender submissions received identified that the submission by WI & A Gilbert Limited was the most economically advantageous tender.
- 3.8 Post Tender Negotiations were conducted with the recommended tenderer which resulted in a reduction in the initial cost.
- 3.9 This cost of this Contract is fully funded by Strathclyde Partnership for Transport (SPT) and Sustrans Limited. SPT will provide up to £280,000 with the funding required to be spent by 31st March 2021. Sustrans will provide up to £190,000. The funding from Sustrans must be spent by 30th June 2021.

Implications of the Report

1. **Financial**
The cost of this Contract will be met in full by funding provided by Strathclyde Partnership for Transport and Sustrans Limited.
2. **HR & Organisational Development**
Not Applicable
3. **Community/Council Planning**
Reshaping our place, our economy and our future – the Contract proposed will support the delivery of this outcome.
4. **Legal**
The procurement was carried out in accordance with the Framework requirements and Renfrewshire Council's Standing Orders relating to Contracts.
5. **Property/Assets**
This works carried out under this contract will allow for the White Cart

footbridge to be re-opened to the public.

6. **Information Technology**

Not applicable

7. **Equality & Human Rights**

- (a) 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**

WI & A Gilbert Limited's health and safety credentials were evaluated as part of the evaluation process by Corporate Health and Safety and met the Council's minimum 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**

WI & A Gilbert Limited have been assessed and evaluated as part of the evaluation process to confirm that they have met the minimum requirements regarding insurable risk.

11. **Privacy Impact**

No Privacy Impact implications have been identified or are anticipated.

12. **Cosla Policy Position**

No Cosla Policy implications have arisen or are anticipated.

13. **Climate Risk**

The aim is to improve pedestrian access thereby reducing car use.

List of Background Papers

None

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