

**WEST DUNBARTONSHIRE COUNCIL**

**Report by Chief Officer – Supply, Distribution and Property**

**Tendering Committee: 21 April 2021**

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**Subject: Contract Authorisation Report – Renton Footbridge Construction Works**

**1. Purpose**

- 1.1** The purpose of this report is to seek the approval of the Tendering Committee to authorise the Chief Officer - Regulatory and Regeneration to conclude the award of the contract for Renton Footbridge Construction Works.

**2. Recommendations**

- 2.1** It is recommended that the Tendering Committee:
- a) Authorise the Chief Officer - Regulatory and Regeneration to conclude on behalf of West Dunbartonshire Council (the Council), the award of the Contract for Renton Footbridge Construction Works to Balfour Beatty Civil Engineering Ltd; and
  - b) Note that the contract shall be for a maximum period of three months and at a value of £475,000 ex VAT. The estimated commencement date of the contract is 4 May 2021.

**3. Background**

- 3.1** The purpose of this contract is to appoint an experienced contractor to carry out required construction and remedial works at the Renton Footbridge, Dumbarton, within the agreed budget.
- 3.2** The budget for Renton Footbridge Construction Works was approved within the overall Roads and Infrastructure budget as part of the wider General Services budget by West Dunbartonshire Council at its meeting on 22 March 2021.
- 3.3** This procurement exercise has been conducted in accordance with the Council's Standing Orders and Financial Regulations and the *Public Contracts (Scotland) Regulations 2016* for Works. A Contract Strategy document was also approved by the Business Partner – Strategic Procurement on 6 April 2021.

**4. Main Issues**

- 4.1** The Contract Strategy identified that Scape Procure Scotland Limited National Civil Engineering and Infrastructure Framework Agreement (FA) - Scotland was the best route to market for Renton Footbridge Construction Works.
- 4.2** When the FA was awarded, Balfour Beatty Civil Engineering Ltd was the most economically advantageous tenderer with a score of 83.8% and was appointed

to the FA as a sole contractor. Therefore a Direct Award is the only option available to Call Off from this FA.

**4.3** It is recommended that the contract is awarded to Balfour Beatty Civil Engineering Ltd of London, England, via the Scape Procure Scotland Limited National Civil Engineering and Infrastructure FA - Scotland. The contract shall be for a maximum period of three months at a value of £475,000 ex VAT. The value of the contract is below the value approved by West Dunbartonshire Council.

**4.4** Balfour Beatty Civil Engineering Ltd has committed to paying all staff as a minimum, the real Living Wage (min. of £9:50 per hour) and promotes Fair Working Practices across their organisation. Balfour Beatty Civil Engineering Ltd has committed to delivery of a range of social benefits at FA level. Social benefits will be discussed at the implementation meeting and actions to take these forward will be agreed.

## **5. People Implications**

**5.1** There are no people implications.

## **6. Financial and Procurement Implications**

**6.1** Financial costs in respect of this Contract will be met from the approved overall Roads and Infrastructure budget as part of the wider General Services budget.

**6.2** This procurement exercise was conducted in accordance with the agreed contract strategy produced by the Corporate Procurement Unit in close consultation with Roads and Neighbourhoods officers and the provisions of Contract Standing Orders, the Financial Regulations and relevant procurement legislation.

## **7. Risk Analysis**

**7.1** The successful contractor has no known links to Serious and Organised Crime which would have significant political and reputational ramifications for the Council.

**7.2** Should the Tendering Committee decide not to proceed as recommended then this will delay the project, may have financial implications and reputational ramifications.

## **8. Equalities Impact Assessment (EIA)**

**8.1** An equalities screening was undertaken for this reports to determine if there is an equalities impact. The results were that there is no equalities impact.

## **9. Consultation**

**9.1** The Service Lead from Roads and Neighbourhoods has been consulted regarding the Contract Strategy. Finance Services and Legal Services have been consulted on the contents of this report.

## **10. Strategic Assessment**

**10.1** The Renton Footbridge Construction Works will contribute to the delivery of the Council's strategic priorities by:

- A Strong local economy and improved employment opportunities.
- Open, accountable and accessible local government.

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**Date:** 8 April 2021

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<b>Appendices:</b>	None
<b>Background Papers:</b>	Contract Strategy EIA Screening
<b>Wards Affected:</b>	Leven