


Agenda Item No:	11	
Committee:	Cabinet	
Date:	16 March 2023	
Report Title:	Procurement of Sewage Effluent Removal Services	

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1 Purpose / Summary

- 1.1 The Councils Sewage Treatment Works, Pumping Stations, Cesspits and other assets outlined in Schedule 1 require periodic emptying (de-sludge) as part of their routine maintenance and service program to maintain the safe and effective operation for our connected customers and the local environment (watercourses) to which the treated effluent discharges.
- 1.2 Recommendation to approve delegated officer appointment of an external specialist provider, to undertake the Councils sewage effluent removal services for a 3-year period, plus an option to consider a 2-year extension if deemed viable in December 2025.

2 Key Issues

- 2.1 This service requirement is essential to maintain effective functioning of the Councils sewage assets, to ensure successful toilet function and wastewater disposal for the Councils connected customers in their homes and businesses.
- 2.2 The Councils annual tankering expenditure is in the region of £80K, which is funded from the relevant service-related revenue budgets.
- 2.3 This service requirement cannot be undertaken in-house as the Council does not have the suitable equipment, a tanker, or available staff resources.
- 2.4 Document preparation, procurement and tender delivery exercise was undertaken in accordance with the Councils Code of Procurement, Category D.
- 2.5 Evaluation via 80% price and 20% quality assessment. A 10-day standstill period is required at preferred bidder stage. After this stage an update to cabinet on awarded contractor can be made

3 Recommendations

- 3.1 Recommendation to delegate to officers the appointment of the most advantageous tenderer as per evaluation under the Public Contract Regulations 2015. To therefore undertake the Councils sewage effluent removal services for the coming 3-year period, commencing on 01 April 2023, including the option for a 2 year extension subject to agreement by both parties.

Wards Affected	<i>All</i>
Forward Plan Reference	<i>KEY/21DEC22/01</i>
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Background Papers	Tender Return, Evaluation and Recommendation Report

Report:

1 BACKGROUND AND INTENDED OUTCOMES

- 1.1 The Sewage Treatment Works, Pumping Stations, Cesspits and other assets outlined in Schedule 1 require routine emptying (de-sludge) as part of their ongoing maintenance and service program to maintain the safe and effective operation for the Councils connected customers and the local environment to which treated effluent discharges.
- 1.2 The service provision fulfils the Councils requirements to facilitate an effective sewerage service and meet its legal and environmental obligations in accordance with site specific Environment Agency Discharge Consents and best practice.
- 1.3 The appointed Tankering contractor will be required to safely collect and appropriately dispose of foul sewage waste, sludge and liquid effluent from these assets and other similar private assets as part of the Councils Environmental Enforcement Action process.
- 1.4 The current tankering contract expires on 31 March 2023.
- 1.5 Contract document preparation, procurement and tender delivery has been undertaken in accordance with the Councils Code of Procurement, Category D.
- 1.6 On 20 February 2023, 14 Bonafede returns were received in the Pro-actis Tender portal.
- 1.7 List of Contractors with estimated contract values, based on typical routine service schedule:

Name	Price
Bidder A	£ 243,755
Bidder B	£ 260,159
Bidder C	£ 301,425
Bidder D	£ 382,389
Bidder E	£ 373,305
Bidder F	£ 282,090
Bidder G	£ 392,475
Bidder H	£ 327,160

Bidder I	£ 988,806.18
Bidder J	£ 732,265
Bidder K	£ 347,530.95
Bidder L	£ 390,175
Bidder M	£ 739,398.32
Bidder N	N/A

- 1.8 The intended outcome of this report is to clearly demonstrate that this essential procurement exercise has been undertaken in accordance with Council's requirement and Members have sufficient information to approve the recommendation for delegating to officers to appoint.

2 REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS

- 2.1 The most economically advantageous tenderer using the scoring criteria and evaluated against a typical annual tankering requirement, as detailed in the Tender Evaluation and Recommendation Report and Schedule 2 will be conducted.

3 CONSULTATION

- 3.1 Internal stake holders, including Environmental Health and Facilities Management Teams have been advised that this service has been re-tendered and that their service-related requirements have been incorporated within the proposed provision.

4 ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED

- 4.1 This service provision cannot be undertaken in-house as the Council does not have a tanker or staff resources to operate such a service.
- 4.2 Historically, the Council owned a suitable tanker, however the pressurised holding tank failed an insurance inspection and was deemed beyond economical repair; and subsequently sold in 2018. The service requirement has since been successfully undertaken by external contractors.
- 4.3 The re-introduction of an in-house provision is not considered financially viable or practical for the Council to adopt.

5 IMPLICATIONS

5.1 Legal Implications

5.2 The Public Contract Regulations 2015 (PCR2015) require the council to run a compliant procurement exercise for services valued at £213,477.00 or greater over a contract period. The legal implications of complying with the Council's local and PCR2015 Regulations have therefore been appropriately met in conducting the procurement exercise described. The Council is now complying with the obligations set out in the Procurement Code in undertaking an assessment of the bids received and seeks delegated authority to award the contract once those procedures have been completed.

5.3 Financial Implications

5.4 Costs associated with this report are included in the Council's annual budget.

5.5 Equality Implications

5.6 N/A

5.7 Other Relevant Implications

5.8 The Sewage Treatment Works service is mandatory, and the Council would face prosecution by the Environment Agency if this service was not provided. This service will need to be provided by the Council for the foreseeable future unless changes in legislation dictate that statutory sewage providers have to adopt or connect unconnected properties.

6 SCHEDULES

Schedule 1 - List of Assets

SCHEDULE 1
List of Assets

<u>File Ref</u>	<u>Plant Location</u>	<u>Post Code</u>
HO2.1	Belt Drove, Begdale (PS&STW)	PE14 0BA
HO2.2	Burnthouse Road, Turves (PS&STW)	PE7 2DP
HO2.5	Churchill Road, Gorefield (PS&STW)	PE13 4NA
HO2.6	Church Lane, Newton (PS&STW)	PE13 5HN
HO2.9	Fen Road, Guyhirn (STW)	PE13 4AB
HO2.10	Garden Lane, Wisbech St Mary (PS&STW)	PE13 4RZ
HO2.11	Inkerson Fen, Throckenholt (STW)	PE12 0QX
HO2.12	Lindens Close, Thorney Toll (PS&STW)	PE13 4AR
HO2.14	Nene Parade PS, Wisbech (SW PS)	PE13 3BX
HO2.16	Newgate Road, Tydd St Giles (PS&STW)	PE13 5LH
HO2.17	Newlands Road, Parson Drove (PS&STW)	PE13 4LB
HO2.18	Overstone Road, Coldham (PS&STW)	PE14 OND
HO2.19	Ramsey Road, Pondersbridge (PS&STW)	PE26 2TW
HO2.21	Sanitation Point, March (PS)	PE15 8TP
HO2.28	Waldersea Sidings, Fridaybridge (PS&STW)	PE14 ONR
HO2.50	Wisbech Port, Watsons Site (PI)	PE13 3JG
HO2.51	Wisbech Port, Area B, Turning Basin (PI)	PE13 3JG
HO2.52	Wisbech Port, Crab Marsh Boat Yard (PI)	PE13 3JG
HO2.53	Wisbech Port, Workshop (CP)	PE13 3JG
HO2.58	The Base, Melbourne Ave, March (PI)	PE15 0EN
HO2.59	Longhill, March Factory Units (2xCP)	PE15 0BL
<u>Cambridgeshire County Council Traveller Site Assets</u>		
HO2.8	Fenland Way 1, Chatteris (PS)	PE16 6RT
HO2.8.1	Fenland Way 2, Chatteris (PS)	PE16 6RT
HO2.15	Newbridge Lane, Elm (PS)	PE14 0SU
HO2.15.1	Newbridge Lane, Elm (PI)	PE14 0SU
HO2.20	Sandbank, Wisbech St Mary (PS&STW)	PE13 4SE
HO2.20.1	Sandbank, Wisbech St Mary (PI)	PE13 4SE
HO2.22	Seadyke, Murrow (STW&PS)	PE13 4XF
HO2.22.1	Seadyke, Murrow (PI)	PE13 4XF
HO2.27	Turf Fen Bridge, Murrow (STW)	PE13 4JZ
HO2.27.1	Turf Fen Bridge, Murrow (PI)	PE13 4JZ