



Glasgow City Council

Contracts and Property Committee

Report by Director of Legal and Administration

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Item 4

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The Provision of Construction Works for Cowcaddens Road and Dobbies Loan Public Realm

Tender Reference: GCC006123CPU

Purpose of Report:

To submit details of the tenders received for the provision of construction works for Cowcaddens Road and Dobbies Loan public realm and recommend acceptance of the most economically advantageous tender as detailed in this report.

Recommendations:

The Contracts and Property Committee is requested to approve the award of a contract for the provision of construction works for Cowcaddens Road and Dobbies Loan public realm to the contractor listed below.

Wills Bros Civil Engineering Ltd
Companies House Number - 07253083

Ward No(s): 10

Citywide:

Local member(s) advised: Yes ☐ No ☐ consulted: Yes ☐ No ☐

1 Background and Tender

- 1.1 Glasgow City Council's ("the council's") budget for the provision of construction works for Cowcaddens Road and Dobbies Loan public realm is £6,500,000. This is fully funded by external funding from Sustrans.
- 1.2 The project is part of the Glasgow Avenues Plus Programme that is running alongside the Glasgow City Region City Deal Investment Programme.
- 1.3 The construction work will include extension and resurfacing of footways, new kerbing, resurfacing of carriageway, road marking, creation of new cycleways, new green / blue infrastructure, and various other public realm improvements.
- 1.4 A commodity team consisting of stakeholders from Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability (NRS) was formed to develop the sourcing strategy and delivery a new contract.
- 1.5 It was agreed that a mini-competition process using lot 12 - streetscape and public realm works of the council's civils and infrastructure framework would be the most appropriate method to deliver this contract.
- 1.6 The duration of the contract is 71 weeks from the date of award with works due to commence around 17/02/2025.
- 1.7 The Contract will be utilised by NRS.

2 Evaluation

- 2.1 10 contractors appointed to lot 12 of the framework were invited to participate in the mini competition. Of the 10 contractors, 5 submitted a bid and 1 of the contractor's bid failed to meet the minimum quality threshold. Of the contractors which did not submit a bid, 2 provided a reason citing a lack of capacity.
- 2.2 The award evaluation was based on the following criteria and weightings:

Price	Quality	Quality Sub Criteria
50%	50%	Works Programme – 10%
		Traffic Management – 10%
		Sustainability – 5%
		Communication – 10%
		Green Infrastructure – 7.5%
		Resources – 7.5%

- 2.3 The evaluation of award scoring and award value of the contractor which has been recommended for award is shown in the table below:

Description	Contractor	Total Evaluation Score	Value	Rank
The Provision of Construction Works for Cowcaddens Road and Dobbies Loan Public Realm.	Wills Bros Civil Engineering Ltd	82.88%	£6,475,364	1

A summary of the unsuccessful tender evaluation results can be found at Appendix A.

3 Contract implementation and Contractor Management

- 3.1 This is an NEC3 contract therefore responsibility for monitoring day-to-day delivery of the contract will remain with the relevant NRS officer appointed to the role of Project Manager.
- 3.2 The agreed community benefits outcomes will be monitored via Cenefits which is a web based monitoring tool. We will also capture sustainable commitments within the CPU Sustainable Register.

4 Policy and Resource Implications

Resource Implications:

Financial: The value of the contract is £6,475,364 and the budget for the project is £6.500,000.

NRS has confirmed its acceptance of a one-off cost avoidance saving amounting to £24,636.

Legal: The report raises no new legal issues.

The Director of Legal and Administration will be responsible for concluding the contract.

Personnel: No direct personnel implications.

Procurement: Mini competition as detailed in section 1.5.

Council Strategic Plan: The following Grand Challenge, Mission and Commitment are supported by this project:

Grand Challenge 2, Mission 2, Commitment 2

Equality and Socio-Economic Impacts:

Does the proposal support the Council's Equality Outcomes 2021-25

Yes - the Sustainable Procurement Duty requires that before a contracting authority buys anything, it must think about how it can improve the social, environmental and economic wellbeing of the area in which it operates, with a particular focus on reducing inequality.

What are the potential equality impacts as a result of this report?

The EQIA, in summary, does not detail any negative impacts by implementing this contract.

Please highlight if the policy/proposal will help address socio economic disadvantage.

Fair Work First was included as part of the award criteria for the framework with a weighting of 5%.

The contractor recommended for award, Wills Bros Civil Engineering Ltd, has confirmed the following Fair Work First policies within its framework submission:

- Payment of at least the Real living Wage
- Provide appropriate channels for effective workers voice
- Investment in workforce development
- No inappropriate use of zero hour contracts
- Action to tackle the gender pay gap and create a more diverse and inclusive workforce
- Offer flexible and family friendly working practices for all workers from day one of employment
- Oppose the use of fire and rehire practice

Community Benefits was included as part of the tender process. The contractor recommended for award, Wills Bros Civil Engineering Ltd, has confirmed the following outcomes:

- 1 x New Employee - Full Time Job (from Priority Group)
- 1 x New Employee - Full Time Job (non-Priority Group)
- 1 x MCR Pathways 1-2-1 Mentoring Programme (or equivalent Programme)
- 2 x Taster Sessions (Council or Delivery Partner Programmes)
- 1 x Work Experience Placement – School

- 1 x Work Experience Placement - Non School
- 2 x Career Event
- 2 x Workplace Visit

The proposal supports outcome 1 of the councils Equality Outcomes 2021 to 2025.

Climate Impacts:

Does the proposal support any Climate Plan actions? Please specify:

The proposal supports the following Climate Plan actions:

Climate plan Theme 4: Health and Wellbeing

These works include the installation of rain gardens. One of the benefits of installing rain gardens will be the reduction of pollution levels in the City Centre.

Where possible, existing materials such as natural stone materials will be re-used within this scheme, and surplus materials will be retained for re-use in future schemes.

Climate plan Theme 5: Green Recovery

The installation of rain gardens will deliver new habitat creation and water conservation.

What are the potential climate impacts as a result of this proposal?

Rain gardens are an inexpensive, simple to implement and environmentally sound solution to urban storm water runoff. The benefits of planting rain gardens are numerous and include pollution control, flooding protection, habitat creation and water conservation.

Will the proposal contribute to Glasgow's net zero carbon target?

The key mitigations are as follows:

Rain gardens are shown to provide the highest carbon sequestration potential which offsets its carbon footprint. Carbon sequestration of bioretention basins, green roofs, vegetated swales and stormwater ponds can mitigate approximately 70%, 68%, 45% and 8% of their carbon footprint, respectively.

The re-use of materials minimises the need for producing new materials thus reducing carbon.

**Privacy and Data
Protection impacts:**

No data protection impacts identified.

5 Recommendations

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Appendix A – Unsuccessful Contractors

Contractor	Total Evaluation Score	Rank
Hillhouse Quarry Group Ltd (Companies House No. SC058460)	79.00%	2
Rainton Construction (Scotland) Ltd (Companies House Number - SC565812)	64.13%	3