

DERBYSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

CABINET MEETING

2 June 2014

Report of the Strategic Director - Economy, Transport and Environment

**EXTENSION TO EXISTING CONTRACT FOR THE SUPPLY OF
GOODS AND SERVICES RELATING TO TRANSPORTATION,
DATA COLLECTION AND ANALYSIS (JOBS, ECONOMY AND
TRANSPORT)**

(1) **Purpose of the Report** To approve the extension of the existing contract with TDC Systems Ltd for an additional five year period pursuant to the terms of the contract procured by Manchester City Council on behalf of Derbyshire County Council and Derby City Council in 2009.

(2) **Information and Analysis** In 2009, Manchester City Council procured a contract with TDC Systems on behalf of Derbyshire County Council and Derby City Council (with involvement from the two authorities). The contract was based on an initial five year period from June 2009 with the option to extend for a further five years. The County Council identified at that time that it would benefit from the efficiencies available in the purchasing power of Manchester City Council and partners. The contract has resulted in a stable relationship with the supplier to assist in the development of intelligent transport systems and the supply of traffic information equipment.

This contract has been fundamental in providing the hardware and back office systems that has allowed the phased upgrade of the permanent traffic counting network over the last five years.

The value of this contract to the work of the County Council is demonstrated by:

- Manchester City Council (now Transport for Greater Manchester) annual spend is in excess of £1 million and Derbyshire County Council is able to capitalise on this buying power and make significant savings in terms of the value that TFGM brings to the contract.
- The contract has provided a call-off arrangement for the replacement or reinstallation of road sensor equipment avoiding the preparation of tender or quotation documents for each project. There have been in excess of 20

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projects undertaken to date that would have required the preparation of individual documents and involved significant Officer time.

- This contract has enabled greater use of automated data transfer, making for more effective use of resources in this area of work.
- The contract has provided the necessary tools to allow a far greater understanding of traffic composition and speeds across the network than previously available. The information forms the basis for understanding road use and traffic composition across the network and is used to develop hierarchies of road use, maintenance regimes, route based accident risk rating, and provide the necessary tools for measuring congestion and air quality as required.
- The scope of the contract also allows the purchase of C2 Cloud software licensing, reducing costs and resources in procurement, and providing the back office systems required to support the data storage, processing, analysis and reporting required to carry out traffic monitoring and the processes indicated above.

The contract provides for the cost effective maintenance and management of the traffic monitoring asset, and also provides the opportunity to support future investment in intelligent transport systems. These will be important in creating the environment for economic growth through effective management of the transport network, using tools that provide an understanding of traffic flow to reduce congestion by providing information in support of effective journey planning.

(3) Financial Considerations Costs associated with investment in goods and services associated with transportation data collection and analysis are highly responsive to need and difficult to predict. Over the previous five year period, annual spend has varied between £67,000 and £145,000. Given the need to support jobs and the economy, it is envisaged that investment in intelligent transport systems will increase to help tackle congestion and to assist in prioritisation and assessing the effectiveness of schemes. All investment under this contract will be contained within available budgets and, in the case of capital schemes, will be included in the Service Plan. It is expected that the annual spend will be in the region of approximately £80,000 and it is not anticipated that the aggregate total spend during the forthcoming five year period will exceed £500,000. An annual programme of planned expenditure on the contract will be reported to the Cabinet Member – Jobs, Economy and Transport for approval in accordance with protocol 2 of Financial Regulations 2014.

(4) Legal Considerations The original procurement was undertaken by Manchester City Council in 2009, on behalf of Derbyshire County Council and Derby City Council. The tender documents from the procurement, which form part of the contract, provide for the five year contract term to be extended for up to an additional five years.

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In preparing this report the relevance of the following factors has been considered: prevention of crime and disorder, equality and diversity, human resources, environmental, health, property and transport considerations.

(5) **Key Decision** No.

(6) **Call-In** Is it required that call-in be waived in respect of the decisions proposed in the report? No.

(7) **Background Papers** Files held in the Environment, Transport and Economy Department. Officer contact details – Neill Bennett, extension 38659.

(8) **OFFICER'S RECOMMENDATIONS** That Cabinet

8.1 Approves the extension of the existing contract procured by Manchester City Council for the supply of transportation data collection and analysis goods and services for a period of five years.

8.2 Notes that an annual programme of planned expenditure on the contract will be reported to the Cabinet Member – Jobs, Economy and Transport for approval.

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