

DERBYSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

CABINET MEETING

6 May 2014

Report of Strategic Director – Economy, Transport and Environment

**GULLY CLEANSING CONTRACTS – AMBER VALLEY,  
BOLSOVER AND EREWASH DISTRICTS (JOBS, ECONOMY  
AND TRANSPORT)**

(1) **Purpose of the Report** To seek Cabinet approval to carry out a procurement exercise for the provision of cyclic gully cleaning operations in Amber Valley, Bolsover and Erewash districts.

(2) **Information and Analysis** The current contracts for the cyclic and ad-hoc gully cleansing in Amber Valley, Bolsover and Erewash districts are due to expire on 3 July 2014. The new contracts are for a one year period with an option to extend up to two further years subject to a satisfactory level of service being provided by the successful contractor. Provisions will be made to include other geographic areas should the need arise.

The contracts cover the cyclic and ad-hoc gully cleansing operations in the three districts and each gully cleansing vehicle will be required to be fitted with IT hardware and software to record the service provided by the contractor. The condition of the gully unit, extent of defects and precise location of each gully, together with a means of adding new gully units to the asset register is recorded by the operator. The data captured is then uploaded into the Asset Management system to assist with the management of the contracts and also provide valuable data that can be used to adapt the level of service provided on each street. The data collected and stored by the Asset Management system can then be used to appraise the frequency of cleansing necessary at each gully with the view to modifying the level of service to achieve budgetary savings, particularly at locations where there is a low risk of ponding or flooding. This exercise has already been undertaken to the existing three contracts over the last two contract years and average savings of 15% of the cyclic cleansing costs have been achieved.

The approximate value (cyclic and ad-hoc cleansing regime) of each contract is £130,000 for Amber Valley, £70,000 for Bolsover and £105,000 for Erewash per year.

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(3) **Financial Considerations** The cyclic and ad-hoc gully cleansing operations in Amber Valley, Bolsover and Erewash districts will be funded from the highway maintenance budget at an approximate total cost of £305,000 per year.

(4) **Legal Considerations** Procurement of the contract will need to comply with the Council's Financial Regulations and EU Procurement requirements. The three contracts provide for each to be extended for a further period of up to two years on an annual basis, subject to satisfactory performance by the contractor and a price review in the second and third years.

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** It is required that call-in be waived in respect of the decisions proposed in the report? No.

(7) **Background Papers** Correspondence relating to the contract is retained by the Area Management – Maintenance Team. Officer contact details – Glyn Dutton, extension 38636.

(8) **OFFICER'S RECOMMENDATION** That Cabinet gives approval for a procurement exercise to be carried out for the gully cleansing service in Amber Valley, Bolsover and Erewash districts for a further two years on an annual basis.

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