

**Soft Market Test – Rochdale Borough Council – Rochdale Highways Related Services Framework Agreement**

Rochdale Borough Council would like to take this opportunity to conduct a Soft Market test, to determine interest levels in the current market and information from contractors for the provision of a bespoke Highways Framework for the delivery of Rochdale BC Capital and Revenue Highways Works. We encourage suppliers who are local to the Borough of Rochdale to respond to the Soft Market Test, however, it is acknowledged that certain requirements of the framework will need to be delivered by Greater Manchester/national suppliers.

It is proposed further market engagement events will take place following the expression of interest window which will provide bidders with further information, the opportunity to provide feedback and seek any clarifications. It is envisaged market engagement will take place in Rochdale.

Interested providers must be able to deliver the works as outlined within the opportunity overview on the following pages. Providers are not expected to deliver all of the Lots detailed but may be considered to deliver a selection of Lots of their choice.

**If you would like to confirm your interest in this opportunity, you must complete the form embedded at the end of this document and return this as an attachment, via the Chest, no later than the closing deadline of Monday 19th June 2023 at 12 PM, as part of your expression of interest submission**.

**We encourage your participation in this soft market testing exercise but must emphasise that your involvement in this exercise will not carry any commercial advantage in any ensuing procurement process. Additionally, this is not a call for competition and any non-participation at this stage will not preclude bidders from this opportunity to tender.**

**No information provided in response to this soft market testing exercise will be used in any evaluation of any subsequent response to a procurement exercise.**

**Brief – Rochdale Highways Related Services Framework Agreement**

The Highway Service is looking to procure a bespoke framework to provide a streamlined process for the delivery of capital and revenue works whereby all contractual approvals are in place and we can engage directly with suppliers.

**Key Points for Consideration**

* The proposed framework contract is expected to become operation early – mid 2024 with a minimum contract duration of 4 years
* The framework will operate under the NEC 4 conditions of contract
* Tender submissions from bidders will be evaluated on Quality, Price & Social Value
* STaR Procurement will assist/advise bidders to attract local supply chain

**Capital Works**

The current budget for Rochdale BC capital works is circa £5m per annum however this figure can change depending on the successful bidding of sources of government funding

It is proposed to offer opportunities for local suppliers to work with Rochdale Borough Council to provide the above services. However it is realised that certain specialist services will need to be delivered by suppliers from across Greater Manchester and nationally owing to the specialist nature of the work (e.g. surface dressing, micro asphalt etc.)

The following table provide details of the lots and types of services to be provided to deliver our capital work programme:

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| **Lot 1** | **Lot 2** | **Lot 3** | **Lot 4** |
| **Minor Civils** | **Carriageway Surfacing** | **Proprietary Carriageway Treatments** | **Road markings & HFS** |
| Junction Improvements | Carriageway Cold Milling | Carriageway Surface Dressing | Road Marking Refresh Works |
| Traffic Calming Schemes | Carriageway Resurfacing Works  | Carriageway Micro Asphalt | Relining following Surfacing Works |
| Footway Reconstruction Schemes | Structural Patching Works | Footway Slurry Seal | Relining following Surface Dressing Works |
| Traffic Signal Installations | Surface Dressing Pre-Patching | Road Markings (if required)  | Relining Following Micro Asphalt Works |
| Puffin/Pelican Crossings | Micro Asphalt Pre-Patching |  High Friction Surface (if required) | Coloured High Friction Surfacing |
| Cycleways | Installation of Road Humps |   | Installation of Road Studs |
| Prohibition of Driving etc. | Road Markings (if required)  |   |   |
| Township Commissions |  High Friction Surface (if required) |   |   |
| Installation of Bollards |   |   |   |
| Installation of Guardrail |   |   |   |
| Installation of Knee Rail |   |   |   |
| Installation of Road Signs |   |   |   |
| Installation of Street Name Plates |   |   |   |
| Vehicular Access Crossings |   |   |   |
| Car Park Maintenance Works |   |   |   |

**Revenue Works**

The Highway Service delivers the following revenue works via our in-house delivery teams:

* Reactive/routine highway repairs (e.g. pothole repairs etc.)
* Reactive/routine drainage maintenance (e.g. gully cleaning etc.)
* Out of hours call-out
* Winter maintenance

The following table provide details of the lots and types of services to be provided to provide resilience in the delivery of our revenue works by being able to call off additional support (plant, labour, materials) for our in-house delivery team at times of high workload/demand:

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| **Lot 5** | **Lot 6** | **Lot 7** |
| **Supply of Plant and Labour** | **Traffic Management** | **Winter Maintenance** |
| Specialist DriversSpecialist OperativesDriven Large PlantNon-Driven Large Plant | Traffic Safety (vehicles)Traffic Safety (labour)Traffic Safety (equipment) | Extra support for extremeweather conditions |
| **Lot 8** | **LOT 9** | **LOT 10** |
| **Supply of materials** | **Drainage** | **Highway Coring** |
|  All Highways Materials (inc. concrete, bitumen etc.) | Drainage Investigations & Works  |  Highway Coring |
| Personal Protective Equipment | CCTV Surveys |  |
| Street Furniture including Bollards/Guard Rails | Jetting Units |   |
| Street signs/General signs | Gully Tankers |   |
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| **1. Company Information** |
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