



### Extension of Infrastructure cleaning contract

**Committee** Operations

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**Date of report** 20 April 2021

#### Report by Assistant Chief Executive

#### 1. Object of report

To recommend the approval of an extension to the bus stop and shelter infrastructure cleaning contract. The contract is a call off contract with labour and services called off as required.

#### 2. Background

The contract will cover the cleaning and defect reporting of the 11,300 bus stops which SPT manage on behalf of the 12 unitary authorities in the SPT area and the 3,300 bus shelters which SPT manage on behalf of 10 unitary authorities (East Ayrshire, East Dunbartonshire, East Renfrewshire, Glasgow, Inverclyde, North Ayrshire, North Lanarkshire, South Ayrshire, South Lanarkshire, and West Dunbartonshire) in the SPT area.

The contract also covers the cleaning and defect reporting of over 13,800 bus stop pole mounted information cases.

The councils allocate budgets at the commencement of each financial year based on estimates supplied by SPT, and a portion of these is allocated to the cleaning of the assets described above.

#### 3. Outline of proposals

Confida FM Ltd (formally known as Sercon Support Services Ltd) has held the Infrastructure Cleaning Contract since 1 April 2014, approved by SPT's Partnership on December 2013<sup>1</sup>.

SPT seeks to extend the contract currently held by Confida FM Ltd for a further year from 1 April 2021.

Due to market uncertainty created by the Covid 19 pandemic and the enforced changes in working methodology as a result, SPT are of the opinion that any tender offered at this time is likely to result in tender returns in excess of current rates paid and potentially in excess of available budget. In line with Scottish Government guidance to the Public Sector at the start of the pandemic, SPT have therefore sought where possible to extend current contracts to allow market conditions to normalise and restrictions to how services may be undertaken to end.

<sup>1</sup> [http://www.spt.co.uk/documents/rtp131213\\_agenda11.pdf](http://www.spt.co.uk/documents/rtp131213_agenda11.pdf).

Confida were asked to provide a pricing scenario for the call off contract, based on the current cleaning schedules of the assets noted in section 2 above, for a 12 month period from 1 April 2021 to 31 March 2022. Confida confirmed there would be no increase in their rates from 2020/21.

In respect of the pricing scenario for the period 1 April 2021 to 31 March 2022, Confida returned a price of **up to** £317,398, which represents an annual cost of £288,544.50, plus a 10% contingency to cater for any unforeseen circumstances e.g. additional cleaning due to graffiti vandalism which would require a targeted series of special cleans. It should be noted that the basis of the contract is call-off, and the price supplied is to cover for such eventualities. The annual cost is comparable with current levels.

#### 4. Conclusions

The extension of the Infrastructure cleaning contract by twelve months allows price stability during the ongoing public health conditions and will in turn facilitate a meaningful tender to be taken forwards which is hoped will secure best value for a number of years thereafter.

#### 5. Committee action

It is recommended that the Committee approve the award of the twelve-month extension of the Infrastructure Cleaning contract to Confida FM Ltd up to a value of £317,398.

#### 6. Consequences

Policy consequences	<i>In line with Regional Transport Strategy.</i>
Legal consequences	<i>Contract will be awarded subject to the advertised terms and conditions.</i>
Financial consequences	<i>The estimated cleaning costs for this contract can be contained within 2021/22 infrastructure agency budgets from Councils.</i>
Personnel consequences	<i>None directly.</i>
Equalities consequences	<i>It is essential that a maintenance operation is in place to ensure the integrity of the bus stop and bus shelter network of the benefit and safety of the travelling public.</i>
Risk consequences	<i>None directly.</i>

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