

**REPORT TO:** Executive Board Sub-Committee

**DATE:** 20 March 2008

**REPORTING OFFICER:** Strategic Director – Environment

**SUBJECT:** Contract for Silver Jubilee Bridge, Runcorn Spandrel (Y5 to L4) - Preparation and Repainting of Steelwork.

**WARDS:** Borough-wide

## **1.0 PURPOSE OF THE REPORT**

- 1.1 Procurement Standing Order 2.1 requires preliminary estimate details to be considered by Executive Board Sub-Committee prior to entering into a Contract likely to exceed £1.0m in value.
- 1.2 The purpose of this report is to advise as regards intention to invite tenders for the Silver Jubilee Bridge (SJB), Runcorn Spandrel (Y5 to L4) - Preparation and Repainting of Steelwork Contract, the estimated works cost of which is £1.4m.

## **2.0 RECOMMENDATION: That**

- (1) **The report be noted.**

## **3.0 SUPPORTING INFORMATION**

- 3.1 This major repainting work is being undertaken as part of the ongoing structural maintenance of the SJB Complex and Associated Structures.
- 3.2 The works comprise the following principal operations:
- The blast removal of all existing paint coatings & corrosive products, localised repair and repainting of the steelwork.
  - Breaking out and repair of reinforced concrete at various locations to the deck soffit and the installation of a cathodic protection system.
- 3.3 The area of the bridge being addressed in the Contract is centred on the Runcorn pin support and surrounding structural elements and as all activity will be confined to below carriageway there will be minimal consequences for traffic using the SJB.
- 3.4 In accordance with Procurement Standing Order 2.5, tenders will be invited from the following Contractors who have been drawn from the Constructionline database of approved Contractors:
- Pyeroy Ltd
  - Roy Hankinson Ltd
  - T.I Protective Coatings
  - Jack Tighe Ltd
- 3.5 Tenders are expected to be returned in mid March 2008 with work commencing on site in June 2008. Award will be assessed on the basis of quality, method of

execution and price in accordance with the criteria set out in the instructions for tendering.

#### **4.0 POLICY IMPLICATIONS**

4.1 The work forms part of the Council's Maintenance Strategy Plan for the Silver Jubilee Bridge Complex and Associated Structures.

#### **5.0 OTHER IMPLICATIONS**

5.1 Resource Implications

The Contract is being funded from the Council's capital budget supported by Supplementary Credit Approvals from the Local Transport Plan settlement.

#### **6.0 IMPLICATIONS FOR THE COUNCIL'S PRIORITIES**

6.1 The SJB Complex forms part of the strategic route through the Borough. Implementation of a formal programme of maintenance is essential to ensure the continued availability of the crossing and thereby avoid compromising the Council's ability to deliver any of its strategic priorities.

#### **7.0 RISK ANALYSIS**

7.1 Financial Exposure of the Council.

All tenderers were selected from the 'Constructionline' pre-qualification database of contractors. HBC internal audit have carried out a further assessment of each company's financial standing and have advised that all tenderers have sufficient financial capability to undertake a contract of this value. Payments under the proposed contract will be due under a payment valuation based on ad-measurement of work completed. A performance bond will be a requirement of the contract.

7.2 Time and Cost Over-run

The risk of cost and time overruns associated with this project will be managed through the application of the ICE Conditions of Contract (Fifth Edition) which set out procedures for dealing with the effects of changes on price and completion date issues. The proposed contract will be supervised by dedicated on-site staff and administered by the Bridge Maintenance Division.

#### **8.0 EQUALITY AND DIVERSITY ISSUES**

The successful contractor will be required to have in place an acceptable equality and diversity policy prior to award of the contract.

#### **9.0 LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS UNDER SECTION 100D OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1972**

**Document**

Contract N<sup>o</sup> HE 360  
Silver Jubilee Bridge, Runcorn  
Spandrel (Y5 to L4) - Preparation  
and Repainting of Steelwork  
Instructions for tendering

**Place of Inspection**

Bridge Maintenance  
Division,  
Rutland House,  
Runcorn.

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