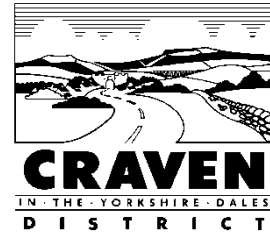


Audit and Governance Committee.
9th November 2015

Exemptions from Contract Procedure Rules to Procure a Mechanical Sweeper



Report of the Waste and Recycling Manager

Ward(s) affected: All

1.0 Purpose of Report – To request an exemption on grounds other than 6.3 (a) to (e) within the Contract Procedure Rules to procure a small mechanical sweeper as part of the Councils vehicle replacement programme.

2.0 Recommendations –

Members are requested to approve that exemption from the Contract Procedure Rules is justified in special circumstances under clause 6.4 for the purchase of an ex-demonstrator mechanical sweeper vehicle.

3. The Report

3.1 Vehicle Fleet number 21 is due for replacement in the 2015-16 vehicle replacement programme.

3.2 Under the Contract Procedure Rules, a tender exercise would normally be carried out or use made of a compliant Framework agreement to procure the vehicle. It is recognised however that under certain circumstances there are occasions when it is appropriate not to seek tenders provided that an alternative method of selection can demonstrate value for money and propriety.

3.3 On this occasion we have been given the opportunity to purchase an ex demonstrator vehicle which meets our requirements and which is for all intents and purposes brand new. The cost to the Council would be £56,000 which would include a 2 year warranty and road tax for 12 months.

3.4 In order to demonstrate value for money a benchmarking exercise has been carried out to establish the price for a brand new vehicle under one of the available compliant framework agreements. To purchase a brand new model with an equivalent 2 year warranty would cost £64,689 thus saving the Council £8,689

3. These vehicles are rarely available at this price and it makes financial sense to take advantage of this offer at this time. Accordingly Members are requested to approve the purchase of this vehicle under clause 6.4
4. **Financial Implications** – There is an existing Vehicle Replacement Programme Budget for 2015/6 to accommodate such an acquisition.
5. **Legal Implications** – Audit and Governance Committee may grant an exemption to the Council's Contract Procedure Rules (CPR) if it is justified in special circumstances (CPR 6.3).
6. **Contribution to Corporate Priorities** –

“Greener Craven
Improving the quality of life and making Craven's public spaces cleaner, safer and greener, reducing energy consumption across Council operations, and reducing waste and increasing recycling levels within the district.”

Street Cleansing is a core front line service and the procurement of this vehicle will contribute to the continued contribution of Waste Management Services to this priority.
7. **Risk Management** – There are no risks arising as a direct result of this report.
8. **Consultations with Others** – Legal, Director of Services, Strategic Manager Financial Services, Procurement, Payments and Risk Manager
9. **Access to Information: Background Documents** – Exemption reports
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