

PORTFOLIO HOLDER DECISION RECORD SHEET

Name of decision maker:	Cllr Neil Harden & Margaret Griffiths
Portfolio:	Residents and Regulatory Services & Housing
Date of Portfolio Holder Decision:	21/04/2015

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Title of Decision: Award of Contract for the Verge Hardening Programme

Decision made and reasons:

This is a retrospective decision to award a contract to Ringway Infrastructure Services, (Hertfordshire County Council Highways Contractor), to deliver the Council's Verge Hardening Programme.

The Council has agreed to fund a Verge Hardening Programme as part of its capital programme and in addition the Housing Service has also contributed further funding. The programme is expected to deliver many verge hardening schemes across the borough during 2013-2016 at a cost of approximately £928k, inclusive of project management costs.

Section 13 paragraph 2.3 of the commissioning & procurement standing orders permits the Council to utilise Hertfordshire County Council contracts under collaborative arrangements as a tendering exception.

Reason:

Following consultation with residents with regards to the lack of parking within neighbourhoods, the Council embarked upon a verge hardening programme in the summer of 2013.

The objective of the verge hardening programme is to begin to address the areas where a lack of parking is having a detrimental impact on DBC Services, emergency services and community safety.

Ringway have been working in Hertfordshire since the October 2012 to deliver the Highway Services contract for Hertfordshire County Council including all aspects of road and footway maintenance and improvement, street lighting and winter services.

Reports considered:

None

Officers/Councillors/Ward Councillors/Stakeholders Consulted:

Assistant Director – Neighbourhood Services
Group Manager - Resident Services
Group Manager – Commissioning, Procurement & Compliance
Team Leader – Neighbourhood Action
Verge Hardening Project Officer

Monitoring Officer comments:	No further comments to add to this report.
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Deputy S151 Officer comments: No comments to add.

Implications:

Risk: This is a retrospective contract award decision as the verge hardening programme commenced in June 2013.

Value for Money: Hertfordshire County Council appointed Ringway Infrastructure Services following a fully OJEU compliant tendering exercise. By awarding a contract directly to Ringway, DBC can take advantage of the value for money aspect of this contract without the need to incur the costs associated with tendering.

Options Considered and reasons for rejection:

The option of not awarding this contract directly to Ringway was reviewed, but was rejected as it would have been costlier and taken longer to award a contract by undertaking a traditional commissioning & procurement route.

Portfolio Holders Signature:

Date:

Details of any interests declared and any dispensations given by the Standards Committee:

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