

**CABINET MEETING – 14TH APRIL 2010**

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY SHEET – PART I**

<b>Title of Report:</b> Carriageway Reconstruction and Surfacing Contract 2010 to 2014-Approval to Variation Order	
<b>Author(s):</b> Executive Director City Services	
<b>Purpose of Report:</b> This report seeks approval to a variation order for the Carriageway Reconstruction and Surfacing Contract.	
<b>Description of Decision:</b> Approval of the variation order of approximately £700,000 for the Carriageway Reconstruction and Surfacing Contract.	
<b>Is the decision consistent with the Budget/Policy Framework?</b> Yes	
<b>If not, Council approval is required to change the Budget/Policy Framework</b>	
<b>Suggested reason(s) for Decision:</b> In accordance with the Constitution, Cabinet approval is required to approve contract variations exceeding £250,000 in value.	
<b>Alternative options to be considered and recommended to be rejected:</b> No alternative options are offered for consideration.	
<b>Is this a “Key Decision” as defined in the Constitution?</b> Yes	<b>Relevant Scrutiny Committee:</b> Environment and Attractive City
<b>Is it included in the Forward Plan</b> Yes	



**CARRIAGEWAY RECONSTRUCTION AND SURFACING CONTRACT:  
APPROVAL TO VARIATION ORDER**

**REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR CITY SERVICES**

**1.0 Purpose of the report**

- 1.1 This report seeks approval to a variation order for the Carriageway Reconstruction and Surfacing Contract.

**2.0 Description of Decision**

- 2.1 It is recommended that Cabinet approves the variation order of approximately £700,000 for the Carriageway Reconstruction and Surfacing Contract.

**3.0 Background**

- 3.1 At the meeting of 9<sup>th</sup> September 2009, Cabinet approved the principle of letting a highway maintenance carriageway reconstruction and surfacing contract.
- 3.2 Following Cabinet approval the procurement process was initiated with the intention of having a new contract in place by 1<sup>st</sup> May 2010.
- 3.3 After the procurement process had commenced, a review of the Street Scene service began in relation to the formation of the new City Services Directorate. As the review may have impacted on this area of work, and in order to maintain maximum flexibility, the procurement process for the Carriageway Reconstruction and Surfacing contract was put on hold.
- 3.4 The review of the Street Scene service has now progressed to a stage where it is considered that the procurement process should continue.

**4.0 Proposal**

- 4.1 The procurement process for the Carriageway Reconstruction and Surfacing Contract has recommenced, however due to the need to put the process on hold for some time and the timescales relating to EU Procurement the earliest commencement date for the new contract is October 2010.
- 4.2 In order to fulfil the council's duty to maintain the highway in a safe and serviceable condition it is proposed to extend the current contractor's arrangement until October 2010 which will allow the road resurfacing

element of the 2010-2011 Highway Maintenance Programme to proceed from the end of April through the summer months to October.

- 4.3 Based on previous years workload it is anticipated that approximately £700,000 worth of work will be undertaken during this period. Approval to a variation order to this amount is therefore sought. These costs will be met from the existing highways maintenance revenue budget and provisions within the approved capital programme.

## **5.0 Reason for Decision**

- 5.1 In accordance with the Constitution, Cabinet approval is required to approve variation orders in excess of £250,000.

## **6.0 Consultations**

- 6.1 The views of the Chief Solicitor and Director of Financial Resources have been incorporated in this report

## **7.0 Alternative Options**

- 7.1 The option of seeking quotations for the interim period of April 2010 to October 2010 is not recommended as it is considered that the work involved would be disproportionate for the length of engagement and that continuing with the existing contractor would provide the best overall value for money.

## **8.0 Background Papers**

Cabinet Report 20<sup>th</sup> April 2005  
Cabinet Report 28<sup>th</sup> May 2008  
Cabinet Report 9<sup>th</sup> September 2009