

FALKIRK COUNCIL

**Subject: CONTRACT FOR M9 JUNCTION 6 TO EARLSGATE INTERCHANGE
SIGNALISATION (IA0151)**
Meeting: EXECUTIVE
Date: 8 OCTOBER 2013
Author: DIRECTOR OF DEVELOPMENT SERVICES

1. INTRODUCTION

- 1.1 Reference is made to the Council and Scottish Government approved Tax Incremental Financing Initiative (TIF). The contract for the M9 Junction to Earlsgate Interchange is the first infrastructure contract identified in the TIF delivery programme.
- 1.2 Reference is also made to the report to the Executive Committee on 6 August 2013 regarding the contract for the M9 Junction to Earlsgate Interchange when Members agreed to authorise the Director of Development Services to award the contract provided it is within budget.

2. BACKGROUND

- 2.1 The construction of the M9 Junction 6 to Earlsgate interchange will provide full traffic signalisation of the existing M9 off-slip/Glensburgh Road/Forth-Clyde Way junction and the existing Earlsgate interchange with associated carriageway widening and pedestrian/cyclist facilities.
- 2.2 The scheme will significantly improve traffic congestion in the area, particularly during the morning and evening peak times, and will also remove the current road safety concern of traffic queuing back onto the M9 on the M9 off-slip at Glensburgh Road.

3. DETAILS

- 3.1 The contract for the M9 Junction 6 to Earlsgate Interchange Signalisation, was advertised on the Public Contracts Scotland Portal and, following assessment of submitted pre-qualification questionnaires, eight companies were subsequently invited to tender
- 3.2 Seven tenders were received by the due date of 9 August 2013 and opened in accordance with Standing Order 11 relating to contracts.
- 3.3 The checked tendered prices ranged from £1,827,000.00 to £2,986,396.14, with the lowest checked tender price within the estimated construction cost contained in the overall project budget.
- 3.4 The lowest checked tender was that received from Wills Bros Ltd for the sum of £1,827,000.00. Wills Bros Ltd is an experienced contractor in this type of work and it is considered best value to accept this tender.

4. LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

4.1 Delivery and funding of the scheme are subject to the terms of a legal agreement between the Scottish Government and Falkirk Council.

5. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

5.1 Funding for the scheme is subject to the terms of the legal agreement between the Scottish Government and Falkirk Council. The works can be funded from the 2013/14 General Capital Programme, TIF projects investment.

6. PERSONNEL IMPLICATIONS

6.1 None.

7. POLICY IMPLICATIONS

7.1 None.

8. ACTION TAKEN

8.1 **Members note:**

In accordance with the authority confirmed at the Executive Committee meeting of 6 August 2013 I have awarded the Contract for the M9 Junction 6 to Earlsgate Interchange Signalisation to Wills Bros Ltd for the sum of £1,827,000.00.

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Director of Development Services
26 September 2013

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LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS

- 1. *Tender documents
- 2. *Engineer's report on tenders

* Items not for publication on the grounds that they involve the disclosure of exempt information as defined in paragraph 8 of Part 1 of Schedule 7A of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973.