

# CHELSON MEADOW – REPLACEMENT PUSH WALLS CONTRACT AWARD



## Executive Decision Part I Briefing Note

### PROJECT DETAILS

Within the Refuse Transfer Station (RTS) and Green Waste Area (GWA) at Chelson Meadow there is a requirement to replace the existing push walls as they have reached their end of life use.

The push walls to these areas form a vertical upstand, formed from individual precast concrete blocks that are linked together to form a barrier, which allow waste material to be pushed hard against.

There is a requirement to replace two individual sets of push walls. The RTS and GWA are separate areas and require different solutions due to the formation of the current push walls.

The push walls are a vital part of the safe and successful operation of the site. Without the push walls the service are unable to efficiently load waste material using site plant. The current push walls are failing and therefore present an immediate health and safety problem to the service.

The works involve the removal of existing push walls, the manufacturer and installation of new push walls to both RTS and GWA at Chelson Meadow.

### PROJECT COST

The cost of the works is £461,365.86

### FUNDING

£675,000 has been allocated within the Capital Programme funded by corporate borrowing allocated from the budget set aside to finance health and safety works.

### DELIVERY TIMESCALES

The off-site production of push walls will commence late March 2023 and be complete mid-April 2023, with a view to commence works at site thereafter.

It is anticipated that the works on site will take 8 to 10 weeks, subject to sequencing/phasing of works with the service.

### PROCUREMENT APPROACH

It is proposed that the contract for the removal of existing push walls, the manufacturer and installation of new push walls to both RTS and GWA at Chelson Meadow is awarded to SWH under the existing Highways Term Maintenance Contract. This proposal to direct award the work is being made, in part, as a consequence of a number of unsuccessful competitive procurement attempts however a review of the TMC has been undertaken to ensure the award is both legal and will secure value for money.

The project aligns with works that are typically undertaken by SWH. SWH have an existing relationship with the push wall manufacturer. The TMC agreement provides relevant and defined rates that can be used for the calculation of cost of works, which have already been ratified as providing value for money through the very existence of the TMC relationship.

Due to the urgent need to replace the push walls and the complexity of the works, the approach to use the TMC allows a quick route to market, and removes any potential time frustration that may arise from further tendering attempts.

### BENEFITS OF THE TMC

There are a number of benefits that use of the TMC offers including:

- The TMC has already been through a robust and comprehensive evaluation process.
- A preferential price list covering the majority of work tasks that will be required.

- Established working practices and co-ordination between the Council and the contractor on highway issues and works.
- Knowledge of the Chelson facility.
- Existing scheme understanding via early contractor involvement.
- Demonstrates to the contractor the importance the Council has placed on the TMC contract and the partnership, increasing the value of the contract to the contractor and therefore helping to safeguard staff and resources, subsequently benefitting future Council projects.

#### **ALTERNATIVES CONSIDERED**

- Option 1- not procuring push walls- not an option due to the operational need for push walls to both RTS and GWA and the immediate health and safety issues with the existing push walls.
- Option 2- Running another competitive tender - rejected due to the unlikely success of the process based on previous attempts and the requirement to replace due to the immediate health and safety issues presented with the existing push walls.