

6.2 Financial Reports

6.2.1 Contract 20/10 - Construction of Urban and Rural Roads

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Recommendation(s)

That Council reinstate the delegation to the Chief Executive Officer to accept tenders for contracts delivered under the Construction Contractor Panel established under Contract 20/10 and retrospectively approve the following contracts entered into since 1 September 2020:

Contract	Contract Name	Date Awarded	\$ (ex GST)	Supplier
CT20-007	Main Drain Rd KWR	19/10/2020	3,085,793	LinctRoads
CT20-009	Boundary Drain Rd, KWR	19/10/2020	1,270,760	Sure Constructions
CT20-049	Glismann Rd, Beaconsfield	16/10/2020	1,564,222	Streetworks
CT20-068	LL & Armitage Roads, Officer	10/2/21	1,158,613	Streetworks

Attachments

Nil

Executive Summary

Delegations made by the Council under the provisions of the 1989 Local Government Act expired on 1 September 2020 with the introduction of the 2020 Local Government Act. This report proposes to reinstate the delegation to the Chief Executive Officer to accept contracts delivered under the Construction Contractor Panel established by the Council in April 2020 and retrospectively approve several contracts in progress.

Background

Council in April 2020 established a Construction Contractor Panel for delivery of the federally funded 'Sealing of Unsealed Roads in the Dandenong Ranges and Surrounds', Council's Strategic Roads Program, Intersection Construction Works and Councils Capital Works program and delegated to the Chief Executive Officer the authority to accept any contracts established under this panel process.

The Contractor Panel process was intended to

- streamline procurement across the Infrastructure Services team,
- ensure Cardinia has access to competitively priced construction contracts, and
- ensure compliance with the Local Government Act relating to the public tender of works for procurement of services.

This panel process has proved extremely successful in tendering for these works, having the most advantageous tenders accepted, expediting the delivery of the projects and being able to meet the tight deadlines associated with the federally funded projects.

Due to changes introduced by the Local Government Act 2020 the authority previously delegated to the Chief Executive Officer needs to be reinstated as this delegation approved in April 2020 expired on 1 September 2020.

4 contracts have been let under the Contactors Panel arrangements and it is appropriate for these contracts to be approved retrospectively

Policy Implications

The establishment of the Contractors panel was undertaken in accordance with the Procurement policy. The mandatory criteria for the business being located within a designated radius from Council Offices or in an abutting Municipality has benefitted local businesses.

Relevance to Council Plan

3.1 Our Environment - Provision and maintenance of assets on a life-cycle basis

3.1.1 Maintain all Council roads and supporting infrastructure in accordance with the *Road Management Act 2004*.

3.1.4 Manage Council's assets like roads, drainage, footpaths and buildings, etc. in a way that ensures they are adequately maintained over their life.

3.2 Our Environment - Transport linkages connecting towns

3.2.1 Upgrade Council roads to improve safety while considering the traffic demand of the community.

Climate Emergency Consideration

Nil

Consultation/Communication

Nil

Financial and Resource Implications

There are no financial or resource implications associated with this matter, all of the projects being delivered are included in Council's budget

Conclusion

Delivering the large amount of roads projects required under the 'Sealing of Unsealed Roads in the Dandenong Ranges and Surrounds', Council's Strategic Roads Program, Intersection Construction Works and Councils Capital Works program has been streamlined by the establishment of the Construction Contractor Panel and the delegation provided to the Chief Executive Officer to accept the tenders lodged and it is recommended that that this process continue and the delegation to the Chief Executive Officer be reintroduced.