

Report title: Update on Ringway Jacobs Contract	
Report to: Place Services and Economic Growth Policy and Scrutiny Committee	
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County Divisions affected: All Essex	

1. Purpose of Report

- 1.1. The purpose of this report is to update a joint meeting of the Corporate and Place Services and Economic Growth Policy and Scrutiny Committees on the Ringway Jacobs Contract.

2. Background

- 2.1. At Scrutiny Board on October 15 2020 it was agreed that a joint session should be convened to receive an update on the Ringway Jacobs Contract.
- 2.2. During the session, members will receive a presentation on the Essex Highways contract. This will include high level contract performance data, a recap on the decision to extend the contract and an update on the impact of Covid-19 on highways operations.
- 2.3. Between December 2018 and May 2019, A task and finish group consisting of members of both the Corporate, and Place Services and Economic Growth Policy and Scrutiny Committees met to discuss the Ringway Jacobs contract and possible contract extension.
- 2.4. The group produced the attached report (Appendix A), containing 23 recommendations.
- 2.5. In July 2019, Cllr Bentley, Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member for Infrastructure attended a joint scrutiny session of both committees to present his response to the task and finish recommendations. A written copy of these responses is also attached (Appendix B).
- 2.6. The contract was extended at Cabinet in February 2020, as outlined in the report attached, decision FP/479/07/19 (Appendix C).

3. Session Aims

- 3.1. Members are asked to discuss the report and provide feedback/recommendations to officers. Members are also asked to outline the future ongoing scrutiny relationship they would like to see put in place to monitor the contract.

4. List of appendices

- **Appendix A:** Ringway Jacobs Task and Finish Group Report.

- **Appendix B:** Written response to Task and Finish report from Cllr Kevin Bentley.
- **Appendix C:** FP/479/07/19: Extension of the Essex Highways Partnership Contract with Ringway Jacobs