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Contract No. 1224 - Relaying pipeline from the Orongorongo Tunnel to the Wainuiomata water treatment plant - Delegated authority

1. Purpose

To request the Committee delegate to the Chief Executive authority to accept a tender for this contract.

2. Exclusion of the public

Grounds for exclusion of the public under section 48(1) of the *Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987* are:

That the public conduct of the whole or relevant part of the proceedings of the meeting would be likely to result in the disclosure of information for which good reasons for withholding would exist, i.e.: commercial negotiation.

3. Background

The approved Utility Services capital works programme for the current financial year includes an amount of \$1.25M for replacing the pipeline from the Orongorongo Tunnel to the Wainuiomata water treatment plant. Over the last few years, the pipeline in the tunnel and from the tunnel to the Orongorongo River intake were replaced. This therefore completes the replacement of the pipeline that was laid in the 1920s.

Tenders were called for supply of the pipe for this contract and the pipes have recently been delivered to the site. The contract sum for laying the pipeline is expected to be about \$0.75M and would normally be approved by the Utility Services Committee. The contract itself is routine in nature and includes excavating the trench, placing the bedding material, placing and joining the pipes, and backfilling and pressure testing. The work is entirely within the Council land area and as pipe laying work, this is very much “a bread and butter” contract.

4. **Proposal**

Tenders for the work close on 29 October and the project engineer expects to be in a position to make a recommendation about a week later. If acceptance of the tender is held to the next Utility Services Committee meeting on 25 November, it may be difficult to commence work before the end of the year. There is a desire to complete the contract by about the end of January. Normally, the river levels are at their lowest point in February and March, which means that the Wainuiomata water treatment plant may have to be turned off if it cannot access water from the Orongorongo River and George Creek. This is precluded while the pipe laying work is in progress.

5. **Recommendations**

1. *That the Committee delegates to the Chief Executive the authority to accept a tender for Contract No. 1224.*
2. *That the contract acceptance be reported subsequently to the Utility Services Committee.*

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