

### Contract Scope

- 3.5 All similar activities have been packaged together in a single contract. This approach is known as Prime Contracting, and satisfies the requirements of the NAO report 'Modernising Construction'.
- 3.6 This packaging together of activities into a single contract will replace the existing separate contracts, detailed in Table 1.

*Table 1: Existing activities that will form the new contract*

Contract	Duration	Value/pa	Present Contractor	Expiry date
Highways & Drainage Minor Works	2 (+1) years	£2m	FM Conway	Sep 2005
Surfacing of Carriageways Framework Agreement	2 years	£1m	Four on panel	Apr 2006
High Friction Carriageway Surfacing	1.5 (+1) year	£100,000	Prismo	Sep 2005
Street Furniture Maintenance	2 (+1) years	£400,000	FM Conway	Sep 2005
Carriageway Markings	1 (+1) year	£200,000	Ringway Ltd	Sep 2005

- 3.7 The activities that will not be included in the new contract are those that require specialist contractors, or those which it is beneficial to the Council to continue providing in-house. The contracts/services detailed in Table 2 will remain separate.

*Table 2: Existing activities that will be excluded from the new contract*

Contract	Duration	Value/pa	Undertaken By	Expiry date
Street Lighting	5 years	£450,000	Seeboard	Oct 2009
Grounds Maintenance	4(+2) years	£400,000	Serviceteam	Apr 2006
Highway Inspections	N/A	N/A	District Officers	N/A
Winter Maintenance Service	N/A	£25,000	MRCS	N/A
Gully Cleansing	N/A	N/A	MRCS	N/A

- 3.8 However, even these separate activities will be linked to the main contract, as each provider is required to collaborate to improve service delivery.
- 3.9 The annual value of this contract, based on current levels of spend, is estimated to be £4 million, giving a potential total value of £28 million for a five year contract with a two-year extension.