

<b>Report To:</b>	<b>Environment &amp; Regeneration Committee</b>	<b>Date:</b>	<b>29 August 2019</b>
<b>Report By:</b>	<b>Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration &amp; Resources</b>	<b>Report No:</b>	<b>ERC/ENV/GMcF/18.602</b>
<b>Contact Officer:</b>	<b>Steven Walker</b>	<b>Contact No:</b>	<b>714828</b>
<b>Subject:</b>	<b>RAMP Lighting Column Replacement 2019/20 - Delegated Authority for Contract Award</b>		

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## **1.0 PURPOSE**

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to seek approval to grant delegated authority to the Head of Legal and Property Services to award a tender for RAMP Lighting Column Replacement 2019/20.

## **2.0 SUMMARY**

- 2.1 £648k funding has been allocated for RAMP Lighting improvements for 2019/20. This is in respect of a programme of lighting column replacements throughout the Inverclyde Council road network.
- 2.2 It is proposed to procure lighting column replacement works through an external contract advertised via Public Contracts Scotland, with an estimated tender value of around £600k. Contract Standing Order 17.3(ii) states that tenders, where the total estimated value or amount exceeds £500,000, may only be accepted on behalf of the Council by the Head of Legal & Property Services with authority from the appropriate Committee.
- 2.3 The tender period is provisionally programmed for August/September 2019 and the estimated award date is October 2019; with a desire to permit the earliest possible site start during 2019/20, anticipated to be November 2019, it is requested that the Committee delegates authority to the Head of Legal & Property Services to accept the most economically advantageous tender on behalf of the Council.

## **3.0 RECOMMENDATIONS**

- 3.1 It is recommended that Committee grants delegated authority to the Head of Legal & Property Services to accept the most economically advantageous tender provided the cost is within the budget allocation for the project RAMP Lighting Column Replacement 2019/20.

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## 4.0 BACKGROUND

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## 5.0 PROPOSALS

- 5.1 A tender for the RAMP Lighting Column Replacement 2019/20 contract will be advertised August/September 2019. Effective, full, and timely use of RAMP funding for 2019/20 is likely to be impacted if the contract award is delayed pending approval at the next available Environment & Regeneration Committee in late October 2019.
- 5.2 It is proposed that delegated authority for the award of the contract, estimated for October 2019, be granted to the Head of Legal & Property Services.

## 6.0 IMPLICATIONS

### 6.1 Finance

Effective, full, and timely use of RAMP funding for 2019/20 is likely to be impacted if the contract award is delayed pending approval at the next available Environment & Regeneration Committee in late October 2019.

#### One off Costs

Cost Centre	Budget Heading	Budget Years	Proposed spend this report (£000s)	Virement from	Other comments
RAMP	Lighting	2019/20	600	n/a	Contained within existing budget allocation.

#### Annually Recurring Costs/ (Savings)

Cost Centre	Budget Heading	With Effect from	Annual Net Impact £000	Virement From (If Applicable)	Other Comments
N/A					

#### Legal

- 6.2 There are no legal implications arising from this report.

#### Human Resources

- 6.3 There are no specific HR implications arising from this report.

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## **Equalities**

- 6.4 As this report does not involve a new policy or a new strategy, there are no equalities issues arising.

## **Repopulation**

- 6.5 The improvement in the condition of the road lighting network will assist the encouragement of inward investment.

## **7.0 CONSULTATIONS**

- 7.1 The Chief Financial Officer, Head of Legal & Property Services and the Corporate Procurement Manager have been consulted on the contents of this report.

## **8.0 LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS**

- 8.1 None.