

Report To: Safe, Sustainable Communities Committee

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**Report By: Corporate Director, Environment and
Community Protection**

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Subject: Lighting Maintenance Term Contract 2010- 2014(5) Partnership

1.0 PURPOSE

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to seek Committee approval to prepare a tender in partnership with North and South Ayrshire Councils for the period 2010-2014(5) to cover all aspects of road and stair lighting maintenance within the relative responsibilities of the three Council areas.

2.0 SUMMARY

- 2.1 Inverclyde Council's current contract commenced on 1 July 2005 and is due to end on 30 June 2010.
- 2.2 The format of the tender will follow that used in previous years, amended to reflect changes in legislation, materials and Best Value
- 2.3 South Ayrshire Council will act as the lead authority for tendering purposes. The EC Open tendering procedure will be followed. This will require an advert to be placed in the Official Journal of the European Union by South Ayrshire Council.

3.0 RECOMMENDATIONS

- 3.1 That the Committee approve the preparation of the tender for road lighting maintenance, in conjunction with North and South Ayrshire Councils, incorporating Inverclyde Council's specific requirements, commencing July 2010 for a period of four years with an option to extend by a further one year.
- 3.2. That the Committee approve South Ayrshire Council act as lead for tendering purposes.

Alan G.Barnes
Head of Environmental Services

4.0 BACKGROUND

- 4.1 At the Safe Sustainable Communities Committee on 1st September 2009 the Head of Environmental Services was requested to investigate any opportunities for shared services in the tender process, and this was agreed. Consequently, contact was made with various adjacent Councils and it was determined that because of the time frame and nature of Inverclyde Council's existing contract it would be appropriate to enter into partnership with North and South Ayrshire Councils.
- 4.2 This will be the first partnership contract for Road Lighting Maintenance issued by the three Councils.
- 4.3 The contract is similar to those previously used independently by Inverclyde and neighbouring Councils.

5.0 CURRENT SITUATION

- 5.1 The current contract commenced on 1 July 2005 and is due to end on 30 June 2010.

6.0 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 6.1 The estimated annual value of the Inverclyde Council element of the term contract will be £350,000 per annum funded from revenue and rechargeables.
- 6.2 Due to the value of the tender the EC Open tendering procedure will be followed. South Ayrshire Council will place the necessary advert in the Official Journal of the European Union.
- 6.3 The tender will clearly state that all quantities are indicative only, which will allow for any budgetary changes.
- 6.4 This partnership agreement accords with the Services Best Value aims in that it allows the Service to benefit from shared resources in tender preparation and the economies of scale for the Term Contract.

7.0 CONSULTATION

- 7.1 The Head of Legal Services has been consulted on this report.
- 7.2 The Chief Financial Officer has been consulted on this report.
- 7.3 The Head of Performance Management and Procurement has been consulted on this report.

8.0 EQUALITIES

- 8.1. Equalities will be addressed at the tender vetting stage of the OJEU process