

Report To: Safe, Sustainable Communities Committee **Date:** 17 January 2012
Report By: Corporate Director Regeneration & Environment **Report No:** SSC/ENV/IM/11.104
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Subject: Scottish Roads Maintenance Condition Survey (SRMCS) Agreement

1.0 PURPOSE

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to seek Committee approval to enter into a joint agreement with all 32 Scottish local authorities for the provision of a Scottish Roads Maintenance Condition Survey.

2.0 SUMMARY

- 2.1 Road Condition is a Statutory Performance Indicator introduced by Audit Scotland.
- 2.2 Inverclyde Council currently has a joint agreement with all 32 Scottish local authorities for the provision of a SRMCS. This Agreement is governed by the Society of Chief Officers of Transportation Scotland (SCOTS), on behalf of its members, through a Consortium Steering Group.
- 2.3 The Lead Authority is Perth and Kinross Council who prepare and manage the provision of the road condition survey using a vehicular based survey system contract.
- 2.4 The current Agreement is due to expire and all member authorities are being asked to review the proposed Agreement and, if minded, to sign up to a new Agreement. The survey term contract will be for the period 2013 to 2017 with provision for a further 2 year extension, subject to satisfactory performance.
- 2.5 The new Agreement is estimated to cost £775,000 per annum. Inverclyde Council's contribution will be £5,373 per annum.

3.0 RECOMMENDATIONS

- 3.1 It is recommended that members agree to enter into a new Collective Agreement, in conjunction with all other Scottish local authorities, for the provision of a SRMCS.

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4.0 BACKGROUND

- 4.1 Inverclyde Council currently has a joint agreement with all 32 Scottish local authorities for the provision of a SRMCS. This Agreement is governed by SCOTS on behalf of its members through a Consortium Steering Group.
- 4.2 The Lead Authority is Perth and Kinross Council who prepare and manage the contract on behalf of SCOTS for the provision of a road condition survey using a vehicular based survey system contract.
- 4.3 The current Agreement is due to expire and all member authorities are being asked to review the proposed Agreement and, if minded, to sign up to a new Agreement.
- 4.4 The Agreement and the Road Condition Survey term contract, which will result from it, will be for the period 2013 to 2017 with provision for a further 2 year extension, subject to satisfactory performance.
- 4.5 Road Condition is a Statutory Performance Indicator (SPI) introduced by Audit Scotland.
- 4.6 The road condition survey data identifies, in general terms, the structural condition of the road surface and provides results on a linear basis, broken down into a green, amber or red condition category.
- 4.7 The survey information is used to determine and prioritise, in terms of roads asset management planning, where investment is required in the roads network. The information is also use by Audit Scotland to determine the Road Condition SPI of the Council.
- 4.8 The new Agreement is estimated to cost £775,000 per annum. Inverclyde Council's contribution will be £5,373 per annum. This cost will be contained within the annual Revenue Budget.

5.0 PROPOSALS

- 5.1 Through this collective agreement there is economy of scale and thus a demonstration of best value. Subject to Committee approval, it is proposed to have the Agreement signed off by the proper and duly authorised officer on behalf of the Council.

6.0 EQUALITY

- 6.1 There are no equality issues associated with this report.

7.0 IMPLICATIONS

- 7.1 Finance: As detailed in 4.8 above.

Legal: As detailed in 4.4 above.

Personnel: None

8.0 CONSULTATION

- 8.1 Financial Implications

The Chief Financial Officer has been consulted on this report.

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- 8.2 Legal & Democratic Services have reviewed the contents of the Agreement and have offered no objections. They have also been consulted on this report.