

EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL

CABINET – 2ND APRIL 2008

APPROVAL OF CONTRACTOR TO CARRY OUT A SURVEY OF THE SEAGULL POPULATION IN KILMARNOCK AND SURROUNDING AREA.

Report by Depute Chief Executive/Executive Director of Corporate Support

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 To seek Cabinet approval to appoint Rentokil Initial UK Limited to carry out and in depth survey of seagull activity to identify problem areas and patterns of activity in the Kilmarnock and surrounding area to be used as a basis for an enhanced programme of seagull control.

2. BACKGROUND

- 2.1 On 5 March 2008 Cabinet approved a report on options for seagull control to include a detailed survey of the seagull population, identify areas of activity and associated patterns of activity during 2008 in order to provide information for an enhanced approach to seagull control during 2009 and beyond.
- 2.2 A proposed maximum level of expenditure of £20,000 for the survey was agreed by Cabinet.

3. CONSIDERATION

- 3.1 Due to the specialist nature of the work and the requirement for expertise in the field of seagull recognition, control and general pest control measures one company, Rentokil Initial UK Limited, have been identified as being suitable to carry out the necessary survey and subsequent detailed report required to address an enhanced approach to seagull control.
- 3.2 The Council's standing order to contracts (paragraph 20(1) state that:
- “Where the appropriate Executive Director/Executive Head of Service/Head of Service considers that a tender should be negotiated with one person, he/she shall, before entering into negotiations, obtain the approval of the Cabinet, and of the person with whom the tender is to be negotiated, stating the reasons for the proposed negotiated procurement route.”
- 3.3 The proposed survey will provide full information to allow progress to be made in the control of the seagull population. It is intended that work will commence as soon as possible to include the nesting and breeding season this year (April to September).

3.4 Rentokil Initial UK Limited is a national pest control company and have carried out similar surveys throughout Britain.

4. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

4.1 A negotiated contract will be agreed with the contractor within a proposed maximum level of expenditure of £20,000.

5. POLICY IMPLICATIONS/LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

5.1 The Council's standing orders in relation to contracts require Cabinet approval to be sought before tender negotiations can take place with a single contractor.

6. CONCLUSIONS

6.1 Discussions with professional bodies and authorities confirm that Rentokil Initial UK Limited are the company capable of providing the professional expertise and meeting the required standards for providing a full and comprehensive survey of the seagull population.

7. RECOMMENDATIONS

7.1 It is recommended that Cabinet:

- (i) Remit to the Depute Chief Executive/Executive Director of Corporate Support to negotiate an appropriate contact for a survey of seagull activity with Rentokil Initial UK Limited.
- (ii) Otherwise note the content of this report.

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