

## **EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL**

**SPECIAL DEVELOPMENT SERVICES COMMITTEE – 20<sup>TH</sup> JUNE 2006**

### **PROVISION OF QUANTITY SURVEYING SERVICES**

#### **Report by the Executive Director of Development & Property Services**

#### **1. PURPOSE OF REPORT**

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to seek approval to extend the Framework arrangements for the provision of Quantity Surveying services for the period up to October 2006, and to increase the overall values of work ordered under that arrangement.

#### **2. BACKGROUND INFORMATION**

- 2.1 In order to accommodate increases in the workload of the Quantity Surveying section upon the Councils 2006/07 Capital & Major Maintenance programmes together with a number of projects supported by external funding bodies, it was necessary to supplement internal resources with external providers through short term framework arrangements.
- 2.2 In addition, Corporate Governance Committee on 8<sup>th</sup> June, 2006 approved a modification to Technical Services structure which will in due course result in temporary increases to that section. These measures will take some time to be implemented due to the routine timescales for advertising through to staff appointment. Currently the construction sector is buoyant, and job opportunities for Quantity Surveyors are plentiful. It may be the case that the timescales to satisfactorily complete the recruitment process will be longer than the norm. More recently the resignation of an Assistant Quantity Surveyor has created a further vacancy in the section.
- 2.3 The work of the Quantity Surveying embraces the procurement and financial management of most of the Councils property related programmes. Resource deficiency would lead to delays in this area of work.

#### **3. PROPOSAL**

- 3.1 It is proposed therefore, in recognition of the considerable workload of the section that both of the existing short term framework contracts for provision of Quantity Surveying services, which were due to expire on 31<sup>st</sup> March, 2006, be extended for the period up to October 2006.

- 3.2** It is proposed that the lesser of these which is for works up to a maximum value of £30,000 be extended in value up to a maximum overall amount of £45, 000. It is also proposed that the greater of these which is for works up to a maximum value of £60,000 be extended in value up to a maximum overall amount of £90, 000.
- 3.3** The Quantity Surveying section would continue to undertake the overall management of the services and projects which are outsourced under these arrangements.

#### **4. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

- 4.1** The cost of Quantity Surveying Services obtained through external providers will mainly be funded from the fee income generated for the projects which are able to be progressed. The balance of costs will be funded from Technical Services operating budget for 2006/07.

#### **5 POLICY / LEGAL IMPLICATIONS**

- 5.1** This report is presented in terms of paragraph 9(3) of the Council's current Standing Orders Relating to Contracts (Serial, Two Stage and Negotiated Tenders and Existing Contracts).
- 5.2** The proposals outlined in this report support the maintaining and upgrading of the Councils property portfolio, including the building of new assets, together with meeting the objectives and requirements of the Scottish Housing Quality Standards.
- 5.3** The work of the Quantity Surveying section on the building investment programmes of the Council contributes mainly to the priority themes of promoting community learning and improving the environment, in the delivery of the Councils Community Planning objectives.

#### **6 RECOMMENDATIONS**

- 6.1** Committee is asked to approve the proposals contained in paragraphs 3.1 and 3.2

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#### **LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS**

Report to Corporate Governance Committee on 8<sup>th</sup> June 2006 by the Chief Executive and the Executive Director of Development and Property Services

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