

# EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL

## DEVELOPMENT SERVICES COMMITTEE – 1 AUGUST 2000

### TRAFFIC SIGNAL MAINTENANCE TERM CONTRACT

#### Report By Director of Development Services

#### 1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 To request the Committee to approve the issue of a term contract for the maintenance of Traffic Signals in conjunction with North Ayrshire, South Ayrshire and Inverclyde Councils.
- 1.2 To request the Committee to approve Inverclyde Council as lead authority for the issue and return of Tender documents, subject to appropriate legal agreement.

#### 2. BACKGROUND

- 2.1 There are currently 3 Contractors associated with the inspection and maintenance of traffic signal equipment under different maintenance contracts originally issued by Strathclyde Regional Council. The maintenance of lamps is included in the street lighting maintenance contract.

#### 3. PROPOSALS

- 3.1 It is proposed to issue a term contract for the maintenance of traffic signals in association with North Ayrshire, South Ayrshire and Inverclyde Councils to improve performance and efficiency of both the signal contractor and the Council.

The scope of the Contract is to annually inspect and maintain all traffic signals and pedestrian crossings within each Council's area and will include the optical maintenance currently carried out by the street lighting maintenance contractor.

A fault management system will allow the Contractors attendance and fault repairs to be monitored, and where necessary financial penalties applied.

Under current contractual arrangements the Council cannot obtain satisfactory response times for non-priority repairs at reasonable cost. This is because of the small number of traffic lights, in some cases at remote locations. Cost effective repairs require the contractor to schedule more than one repair in the same area in one day. This will be easier to achieve within a single contract for Ayrshire and Inverclyde. A significant improvement in response times for non-priority repairs is anticipated within the new contractual arrangement proposed.

#### 4. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

4.1 The annual cost of approx £40,000 will be met from the Department's revenue budget.

**5. LEGAL IMPLICATIONS**

5.1 Inverclyde Council have agreed to issue the Contract as lead authority with letters of agreement exchanged between Legal Sections.

**6. RECOMMENDATIONS**

6.1 The Council is recommended to:

- (i) approve the issue of a Traffic Signal Maintenance Term Contract in August 2000 to commence from 1 October 2000 for a period of 30 months with option to extend a further 24 months.
- (ii) approve Inverclyde Council as lead authority, subject to appropriate Legal Agreement.

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**31 May 2000**

**List of Background Papers**

**Nil**

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**AGENDA**