

**EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL**

**DEVELOPMENT SERVICES COMMITTEE - 21 NOVEMBER 2000**

**STREET LIGHTING MAINTENANCE CONTRACT 1997 – 2000/2**

**Report by the Director of Development Services**

**1. PURPOSE OF REPORT**

**1.1** The purpose of this report is:-

To seek committee approval to extend the current Street Lighting Maintenance Contract until 31 March 2002.

**2. BACKGROUND**

The current contract for the maintenance of street lighting was awarded to Hyder Infrastructure Services in 1997 and is due for renewal on 1 June 2001. The Council has an option to extend the contract up to a further 12 months should it wish to do so. A decision requires to be taken now because putting a new contract into place would take six months.

East Ayrshire Council was amongst the first of the unitary authorities to renew its Street Lighting Maintenance Contract. This was necessary because the previous contract covering the area was split between North and South Ayrshire making management of the service in East Ayrshire very difficult. Authorities which have contracted services more recently have, however, been achieving lower rates.

**3. PROPOSALS**

It is proposed to extend the existing contract until 31 March 2002 at which time a number of other local authorities (including North and South Ayrshire Councils) are due to renew contracts. This will place the Council in a better competitive position than if it seeks tenders at a different time.

**4. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

**4.1** The extension to the contract can be funded from the current revenue allocation for street lighting maintenance.

**5. RECOMMENDATIONS**

**5.1** The committee approves extending Street Lighting Maintenance Contract until 31 March 2002.

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**6 November 2000**

## **BACKGROUND PAPERS**

**Nil**

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**AGENDA**