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ANGUS COUNCIL

INFRASTRUCTURE SERVICES COMMITTEE

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TRAFFIC SIGNAL MAINTENANCE CONTRACT

REPORT BY THE DIRECTOR OF ROADS

ABSTRACT
This report provides information on the position with regard to the maintenance of Traffic Signal Equipment and proposes joint procurement arrangements with neighbouring Councils.

1 RECOMMENDATION

1.1 It is recommended that the Committee agree that the Director of Roads be authorised to proceed with joint procurement arrangements in conjunction with both Dundee City Council and Perth and Kinross Council for traffic signal maintenance services.

2 INTRODUCTION – BACKGROUND INFORMATION

2.1 Prior to October 2000 Angus Council in partnership with Dundee City and Perth and Kinross Councils entered into a five year maintenance agreement with Siemens Traffic Controls Ltd to maintain all traffic signal equipment in the three Council Areas. This contract expires on 30 September 2005. The agreement established a mechanism for each unitary authority to manage the maintenance of its own traffic signal installations with the contractor through a common agreement. It is proposed that this arrangement should continue.

3 DETAILS

3.1 A model document was developed by members of the Scottish Traffic Signal User Group (led by Aberdeen, Glasgow, Edinburgh and Dundee City Councils), which was proposed to form a standard Traffic Signal Maintenance Contract for use throughout Scotland. This standard base contract was set up in such a way that it can be modified simply by substituting sections as required. The existing contract has served the Council well, however some clauses have been identified as requiring updating for a variety of reasons. The most significant change is likely to be the Contract Conditions where it is proposed to substitute the Institute of Civil Engineers Standard Conditions of Contract for Term Contracts issued in September 2002. This would bring the contract conditions into line with many other standard term maintenance contracts, and would serve the Council better should there be a dispute.

3.2 The outcome of the tendering process insofar as Angus Council’s financial commitment is concerned would be the subject of a further report to Committee. It is proposed that Dundee City Council will again act as the lead authority in the
tendering process, including document production, issue and return of tender documents and advertising for tenderers. The opening and assessment of Tender Documents will take place with representatives of all three Councils present. The tendering arrangements will require to follow the European Procurement procedure.

4 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

4.1 Capital

4.1.1 There are no capital implications.

4.2 Revenue

4.2.1 It is anticipated that the cost of the new maintenance agreement to Angus Council will be similar to the value of the Angus Council element of the existing contract at around £36,000 per annum. Provision exists within the existing and projected revenue budgets. (This revenue cost will however rise with the installation of any additional traffic signal sites)

5 HUMAN RIGHTS IMPLICATIONS

5.1 There are no human rights implications arising from the proposals in this report.

6 CONSULTATION

6.1 The Chief Executive, the Director of Law and Administration and the Director of Finance have been consulted in the preparation of this Report.

6.2 Dundee City and Perth and Kinross Councils will require to approve this partnership approach in their own interests also.

7 CONCLUSION

7.1 The current traffic signal maintenance contract expires on 30 September 2005. It is proposed to again procure these services in partnership with Dundee City Council and Perth and Kinross Council in order to benefit from economies of scale.

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NOTE:
No background papers, as defined by Section 50D of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973 (other than any containing confidential or exempt information) were relied on to any material extent in preparing the above Report.

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