

## ANGUS COUNCIL

## NEIGHBOURHOOD SERVICES COMMITTEE – 16 APRIL 2009

## REPORT BY THE DIRECTOR OF NEIGHBOURHOOD SERVICES

## TYRE MANAGEMENT POLICY

**ABSTRACT:** The purpose of this Report is to ask the Committee to approve the Director of Neighbourhood Services recommendation to extend the current tyre management agreement for Angus Council's fleet and plant vehicles.

**1. RECOMMENDATION**

1.1 It is recommended that the Committee:

- (a) approve the Director's request for an exemption on the basis of Financial Regulation 16.22.4(b)(i) as set out in Section 3;
- (b) approve the Director of Neighbourhood Services recommendation to extend the current agreement between Angus Council and Angus Tyres to manage the council's fleet and plant tyre policy up to 31 December 2009; and
- (c) delegate authority to the Director of Neighbourhood Services to extend the contract for a maximum of a further 3 months if required.

**2. BACKGROUND**

2.1 It was hoped by this point in time that the Council would have the option of utilising the Scotland Excel (OGC) tyre contract for the purchase and maintenance of tyres. Scotland Excel are expected to complete this tender process by October 2009 with the contract available from November 2009. Once Scotland Excel have set up a contract for the purchase and maintenance of tyres it is recommended that the options available to the Council be reviewed in line with best value.

**3. CURRENT POSITION**

3.1 The current arrangement with Angus Tyres expired on 31 March 2009. Angus Tyres however continue to carry out the tyre management of Angus Council's fleet of vehicles and plant, the service provision has so far been excellent. In conjunction with Angus Tyres the Fleet Manager is currently assessing another brand of tyre which can be supplied at a reduced cost but meets the same specification and safety standards that the fleet requires to comply with the council's Operators Licence.

3.2 It is not considered appropriate to expend the effort and resource required to re-tender the Angus Council tyre management contract at this time, in light of the relatively imminent creation of a Scotland-wide local authority tyre contract and the confidence which officers have that reasonable quality and pricing is being achieved through the current arrangement. The annual spend on this arrangement is approximately £80,000 which is below the EU Threshold for a maximum 1 year extension, as proposed. Although a compliant arrangement is required for this function in early course, no greater compliance risk is presented by the proposal.

3.3 In this regard therefore, the Committee is asked to approve an exemption from the normal tendering requirements of Section 16 on the basis of Financial Regulation 16.22.4(b)(i) "the contract is required as a matter of urgency to suit the exigencies of the service" to allow continuation of the current tyre management arrangement until it is possible to utilise the Scotland Excel procurement route.

3.4 In this regard members are asked to approve extension of the current contract until 31 December 2009, however members are also asked to delegate authority to the Director of Neighbourhood Services to extend the contract for a maximum of a further 3 months, should there be any delays in the conclusion of the Scotland Excel contract.

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

- 4.1 There are no additional financial implications associated with this report, as the associated costs are already provided for within Neighbourhood Services (Direct Services) 2009/10 revenue budget.

#### **5. HUMAN RIGHTS IMPLICATIONS**

- 5.1 There are no Human Rights implications associated with this report.

#### **6. CONSULTATION**

- 6.1 The Chief Executive, the Director of Corporate Services, the Head of Finance and the Head of Law and Administration have been consulted in the preparation of this report.

#### **7. EQUALITIES IMPLICATIONS**

- 7.1 The issues dealt within this report have been the subject of consideration from the equalities perspective (as required by the legislation). An equalities impact assessment is not required.

#### **8. SINGLE OUTCOME AGREEMENT**

- 8.1 This report contributes to the following local outcome(s) contained within the Single Outcome Agreement for Angus.

- Sustainable business growth is achieved by approval of the recommendations of the report.
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- Reduction in waste through a sustained increase in recycling and reuse of wastes by approval of the recommendations of the report.
- Resources are used effectively by approval of the recommendations of the report

#### **9. CONCLUSION**

- 9.1 Angus Tyres should be asked to continue to manage the fleet's tyre policy until the Scotland Excel (OGC) contract is completed and reviewed as another option for best value procurement of this supply.

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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 a material extent in preparing the above Report.

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