AGENDA ITEM NO 17
REPORT NO 560/11

ANGUS COUNCIL
INFRASTRUCTURE SERVICES COMMITTEE – 23 AUGUST 2011
TENDERS FOR CONTRACTED LOCAL BUS SERVICE PROVISION
REPORT BY DIRECTOR OF INFRASTRUCTURE SERVICES

ABSTRACT: This report informs Members of local bus service contracts due for renewal in 2012 and seeks authority to procure replacement service provision.

1 RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Committee:-

(a) note the local bus service contracts due for renewal in 2012 and agree that a re-tendering exercise is undertaken to secure replacement service provision; and

(b) agree that the outcome of the re-tendering exercise is reported back to a future meeting of this Committee.

2 BACKGROUND

2.1 Local bus service contracts are renewed throughout Angus generally on a 3-yearly basis; a number of these contacts are due for renewal in 2012. In previous years the re-tendering exercise has resulted in significant budgetary implications for the Council. It is therefore proposed that these contracts should be tendered in September 2011 in order for the results to be taken into account in the 2012-13 budget setting process.

3 CONTRACTS DUE FOR RENEWAL

3.1 The contracts due for renewal are as follows:

A210 Ferryden – Montrose – Hillside (Mon – Fri)
A211 Sunnyside – Hillside – Borrowfield – Montrose – Montrose Academy (Mon – Fri a.m.)
A213 Ferryden – Montrose – Hillside (Mon – Fri p.m.)
A215 Ferryden – Montrose – Hillside (Sun)
A218 Ferryden – Montrose – Hillside (Mon – Sat p.m.)
A219 Forfar - / Montrose – Stracathro / Edzell (Sun)
A220 Montrose – Stracathro/ Edzell (Mon – Fri p.m.)
A221 Montrose – Stracathro / Edzell (Sat p.m.)
A222 Montrose – Stracathro / Edzell (Mon – Fri a.m. & p.m.)
A223 Montrose – Stracathro / Edzell (Daily a.m.)
A224 Montrose – Stracathro / Edzell (Mon – Sat a.m.)
A225 Forfar – Brechin – Stracathro / Edzell (Mon – Sat)
A228 Forfar – Noranside – Forfar ( Mon – Wed – Fri)
A231 Bogindollo – Brechin (Tu / Th)
A232 Carnoustie – Monifieth – Forfar (Mon – Fri)
A233 Brechin Town Service (Sat)
A234 Inveralie – Murroes – Dundee (Mon – Fri)
A235 Arbroath – Montrose (Mon – Sat p.m.)
A236 Friockheim – Montrose (Mon – Wed – Fri - Sat)
A241 Downfield – Bridgefoot – Auchterhouse (Mon – Sat)
A242/5 Auchmithie – Arbroath – Brechin – Stracathro (Daily)
A243 Glenesk – Brechin (Fri)
A250 Arbroath – Montrose (Sun)
On-bus surveys on these contracted services are currently being completed and consultation is underway with local Members, Community Councils and the public in order to identify any changes required to the current service provision.

The outcomes of the consultation exercise will be taken into account, together with the on-bus survey results, in the review of current service provision and will be used to draw up, where feasible, a range of tender options (including Demand Responsive Transport (DRT) provision). These options will be subsequently evaluated to determine which represents ‘best value’ to the Council.

As a Prior Information Notice (PIN) has already been placed in the Official Journal of the European Union (OJEU) tenders can be issued in September 2011 with a return date of mid-October. The replacement contracts would not however be awarded until the 2012-13 Planning & Transport revenue budget has been set and will have a start date of 27 May 2012.

4 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

4.1 The financial implications of this re-tendering exercise are currently not known. The outcome of the procurement exercise will be the subject of a future report to this committee.

5 HUMAN RIGHTS IMPLICATIONS

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

6 EQUALITIES IMPLICATIONS

6.1 The issues contained in the report fall within an approved category that has been confirmed as exempt from an equalities perspective.

7 SINGLE OUTCOME AGREEMENT

7.1 This report contributes to the following local outcome contained within the Angus Single Outcome Agreement:

- Our carbon footprint is reduced.

8 CONSULTATION

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

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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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