This report advises of the outcome of the tendering exercise to procure a new corporate performance management system.

1. RECOMMENDATION

The Committee note the terms of this report.

2. BACKGROUND

Reference is made to the decision of the Strategic Policy Committee on 4 May 2010 which agreed that a new corporate performance management software system be procured to replace the current system, Excelsis.

3. PERFORMANCE MANAGEMENT SOFTWARE SYSTEM

Following completion of an openly advertised tendering exercise the contract has been awarded by the Chief Executive under delegated powers to Covalent Software Limited on the basis that this provider’s product offered the ‘most economically advantageous’ (i.e. best value) solution to the council’s requirement. The period of this contract is 30 November 2010 to 31 March 2014 with the option to extend for a further two years.

Work is currently ongoing with Covalent regarding an implementation plan designed to ensure that the new performance management system, Covalent, is operational from April 2011.

4. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

The cost of procuring Covalent for the period of the contract is £51,250. An initial payment of £25,625 will be made this financial year with a final payment of £25,625 in 2011/12. Any extension beyond 31 March 2014 would incur an annual fee of £5,500.

The 2010/11 costs will be met from the corporate initiatives budget within the miscellaneous other services revenue budget. The 2011/12 costs will be met from the same budget source subject to this being confirmed through the budget setting process.

5. HUMAN RIGHTS IMPLICATIONS

There are no human rights implications associated with this report.

6. EQUALITIES IMPLICATIONS

The issues dealt with in this report have been the subject of consideration from an equalities perspective (as required by legislation). An equalities impact assessment is not required.
7. CONSULTATION

The Director of Corporate Services, Head of Finance and Head of Law and Administration have been consulted on the terms 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.