

## ABERDEEN CITY COUNCIL

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COMMITTEE	Communities, Housing & Infrastructure
DATE	19 May 2015
DIRECTOR	Pete Leonard
TITLE OF REPORT	The Grounds Maintenance Services for Housing Amenity Contract
REPORT NUMBER:	CHI/15/145
CHECKLIST COMPLETED	Yes

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### 1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

The report brings to the Committee's attention the end of the Grounds Maintenance Service Contract for Housing Amenity areas of Stockethill, Cornhill and Rosehill carried out by ISS Waterers Landscape Ltd as of 31 March 2015. The grounds maintenance service for these Housing Amenity areas will be delivered by Aberdeen City Council's Environmental Services from 1 April 2015.

### 2. RECOMMENDATION(S)

That the Committee:

- (i) Notes the contents of the report.
- (ii) approve the removal of any further reports or bulletins to this committee due to the ending of the ISS Contract on the 31<sup>st</sup> March 2015.

### 3. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

There will be no additional costs to the Housing Revenue Account.

The final year of the ISS Contract ie 1 April 2014 to 31 March 2015 cost £179,402.00. The Council's in-house Environmental Services will carry out all future grounds maintenance for these areas. The forecast cost

for the financial year 2015/16 has been calculated at £165,174.37 which represents a saving of £14,227.63 to HRA.

#### 4. OTHER IMPLICATIONS

The ending of the ISS Grounds Maintenance Service Housing Amenity Contract has resulted in 3 members of staff being transferred to the Council through the Transfer of Undertakings (Protection of Employment) (TUPE) legislation.

Additional vehicles, plant and equipment for the work have been and are being acquired.

There are no direct implications arising from this report in terms of any legal, property, sustainability and environmental, health and safety and/or policy issues.

#### 5. BACKGROUND/MAIN ISSUES

ISS Waterers Landscape Ltd have been carrying out grounds maintenance in the housing amenity areas of Stockethill, Cornhill and Rosehill and to sports pitches and golf courses for the last five years under the the Grounds Maintenance Service Contract ("the Contract").

The Contract ended on 31 March 2015 as advised in the Grounds Maintenance Services for Housing Amenity Contract - Progress Report to the Communities, Housing and Infrastructure Committee on 18 March 2015.

Sports pitches and golf course maintenance remain the responsibility of Sport Aberdeen who has recently awarded this work to The Landscape Group.

The Environmental Service's team have been monitoring the Housing Amenity areas of the Contract for the last 5 years and reporting the performance of the contractor through bulletin reports to the Housing and Environment Committee and subsequently the Communities, Housing and Infrastructure Committee. The committee is being asked to end these Bulletin Reports as there is no further requirement for them. All future performance monitoring will be included in Environmental Service's performance indicators including LAMS (Land Audit Management System) surveys which are reported as part of the Communities, Housing and Infrastructure Performance Report.

The grounds maintenance service for the Housing Amenity areas of Stockethill, Cornhill and Rosehill will be delivered by Aberdeen City Council's Environmental Services from 1 April 2015. Aberdeen City Council's grounds maintenance schedules and specifications are

similar to the ISS Contract but the charge to HRA will be approximately £14,000 per year less than the ISS Contract charge.

## 6. IMPACT

The Grounds Maintenance Services for Housing Amenity Contract will contribute to the delivery of the five year plan “Aberdeen – the Smarter City” through the protection and enhancement of greenspace areas.

It will also assist the Council in delivering the Single Outcome Agreement’s National Outcome:

No 1 and its Local Outcome of Aberdeen being an even more attractive place in which to do business;

No. 6 – “We live longer, healthier lives”,

No. 7 – Tackling inequalities,

No. 10 – “We live in well-designed, sustainable places where we are able to access the amenities and services we need” and

No. 11 – Strong, resilient and supportive communities.

No. 12 - “We value and enjoy our built and natural environment and enhance it for future generations”.

## 7. MANAGEMENT OF RISK

There are no additional risks associated with this grounds maintenance work as the Environmental Service already carries out this type of work throughout the City.

## 8. BACKGROUND PAPERS

None

## 9. REPORT AUTHOR DETAILS

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