

ABERDEEN CITY COUNCIL

COMMITTEE	Finance & Resources
DATE	28 September 2010
DIRECTOR	Stewart Carruth
TITLE OF REPORT	Roads and Quarry Material Testing Services – Permission to Procure & Award
REPORT NUMBER:	CG/10/162

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

To obtain approval to:

- i) Conduct a tendering exercise for the provision of Roads and Quarry Materials Testing Services and to award a contract as a result of the tendering exercise.

2. RECOMMENDATION(S)

It is recommended that the Committee approve:

- i) The Central Procurement Unit (CPU) conducting a competitive tendering exercise in line with the Council's Standing Orders, Financial Regulations and EU Procurement Legislation for the provision of Roads and Quarry Material Testing Services.

3. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

This will be a joint tender between Aberdeen City and Aberdeenshire Councils.

The value of the tender for Aberdeen City Council is in the region of £ 45,000 pa which equates to an estimated contract value of £180,000, spread over a 4 year contact period.

The costs can be met from the existing Service Revenue Budgets.

4. OTHER IMPLICATIONS

This report has no other implications.

5. BACKGROUND/MAIN ISSUES

In accordance with the British Standards Institute (BSI) Quality Management System it is a requirement that all materials are tested periodically.

The materials fall within 5 main categories: Aggregates; Asphalt; Concrete; Road Pavement Surfaces; Soils and Stabilised Soils.

There will be a joint collaborative tender between Aberdeen City Council and Aberdeenshire Council with both Councils implementing the contract that flows from the tendering exercise. This approach reflects the services that are presently in place giving both Councils the added benefits derived by undertaking a larger scale contract.

The requirement will be advertised in accordance with EU Procurement Legislation and the Council's Standing Orders.

6. IMPACT

This report links to the Interim Business Plan 2010-2013 as we continue to strive for best value for money and to maximize efficiency in service delivery.

This report has no direct implications in relation to Equalities & Human Rights Impact Assessment.

7. BACKGROUND PAPERS

N/A.

8. REPORT AUTHOR DETAILS

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