

TORBAY COUNCIL

Report No: **52/2005**

Title: **Contracts valued in excess of £25,000**

To: Executive on 15th March 2005

1. Purpose

- 1.1 To seek approval from the Executive to proceed with proposals which will involve the expenditure of a sum in excess of £25,000.

2. Relationship to Corporate Priorities

- 2.1 To raise awareness of organisational and strategic risks and use this to inform decision making and resource allocation.

3. Recommendation(s)

- 3.1 The recommendation for each matter is set out in each Appendix to this report.

4. Reason for Recommendation(s)

- 4.1 The reasons for each matter are set out in each Appendix to this report.

5. Alternative Options (if any)

- 5.1 Any alternative options are set out in each appendix to this report.

6. Background

- 6.1 In accordance with paragraphs 2.11 and 2.12 of Part 3 of Torbay Council's Constitution (responsibility for functions), the attached schedule(s) contain details of proposals that require approval in relation to one of the following matters:
- (i) leasehold disposal where the term is for more than 21 years;
 - (ii) goods or services where the estimated or actual (whichever is the higher) total contract value exceeds £25,000 or (if a contract is linked to another contract) where the aggregate estimated or actual value exceeds that amount.

7. Appendices

Appendix 1 – Carriageway surface dressing at various locations within Torbay
Appendix 1A – Financial details in relation to carriageway surface dressing contract (exempt information)
Appendix 2 – Devon E-Government Partnership contribution
Appendix 3 – Supply of electricity to highway authority Installations
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Appendix 1 to Report 52/2005

Directorate: Environment Services	Service/Division: Highways and Engineering
Details of contract/address of property: Carriageway surface dressing at various locations within Torbay which have been identified as having a low skid resistance. The works have been tendered in accordance with standing orders.	Reason for Expenditure: Surface dressing improves the skid resistance of the carriageway and seals the road from the ingress of water, which causes deterioration of the surface.
Recommendation: That the Assistant Director (Highways and Engineering) be authorised to accept the most economically advantageous tender for carriageway surface dressing at various locations in Torbay.	Reason for Recommendation: To improve the skid resistance of the carriageways and seal the roads from the ingress of water.
Suggested Value: See Appendix 1(a) (which contains "exempt" information).	Is budget available? Yes
	Is this a Key Decision? No
Alternative options/Key Risks: To upgrade the condition of the road could be carried out by asphalt reconstruction. This would cost approximately £600,000 and cause increased traffic disruption.	Legal implications: If works were not carried out, the Council would not be maintaining the highway in accordance with the Highways Act 1980 and would be open to third party claims for personal injury.
Name of Executive Member with responsibility for this matter: Councillor Charlwood	Is the Executive Member in agreement with the proposal? Yes
Contact: Name of responsible officer: Malcolm Webley Telephone no: Ext: 7656	

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Directorate: PERFORMANCE	Service/Division: PERFORMANCE POLICY & COMMUNICATION (E-GOVERNMENT)
Details of contract/address of property: Devon E-Government Partnership Contribution	Reason for Expenditure: All Devon Authorities signed up to form the Devon E-Partnership. This is an annual £35K contribution from all Devon Authorities to support and further develop the numerous Devon E-Government projects ie. (Devon Portal (content creation and support of portal infrastructure); Devon E-Tendering, E-Procurement; Authentication project;), etc
Recommendation: That the Authority continues to support the work of the Devon E-partnership and associated E-Gov projects up to Mar/06.	Reason for Recommendation: The ODPM encourage partnership working on E-Government projects especially within a County region and the partnership has already drawn benefits/savings from joint procurement of systems and the creation of the Devon Portal. The partnership plans (in –progress & for 2005/06) are being finalised by the Devon E-Partnership Board
Suggested Value: £35k for 04/05 - committed £35k for 05/06 - estimate	Is budget available? Yes – from the ODPM E-Gov capital Grant for 04/05 and 05/06 Note. ODPM suggest that a proportion of this fund should be used to support partnership working at a County level.
	Is this a Key Decision? NO if so, give number:
Alternative options/Key Risks: None	Legal implications: None
Name of Executive Member with responsibility for this matter: Member E-Champion – Councillor Harris. (substitute Councillor Lomas)	Is the Executive Member in agreement with the proposal? Yes, Councillor Harris supports the proposal. “Devon Local Authority E-Gov collaboration Agreement” signed/sealed by the Council
Contact:	Name of responsible officer: Ian Knee & Bob Clark Telephone no: 7058 or 7420

Appendix 3 to Report 52/2005

Directorate: Environment Services	Service/Division: Highways and Engineering
Details of contract/address of property: Supply of electricity to Highway Authority Installations.	Reason for Expenditure: The supply of electricity provides power to street lighting and illuminated signs, which contributes towards road safety and community safety.
Recommendation: That the Assistant Director (Highways and Engineering) be authorised to accept the most economically advantageous tender for supply of electricity to Highway Authority Installations within Torbay.	Reason for Recommendation: To continue to illuminate the highway to contribute towards road safety and reducing the fear of crime.
Suggested Value: See Appendix 1(a) (which contains "exempt" information).	Is budget available? Yes
	Is this a Key Decision? No
Alternative options/Key Risks: To illuminate the highway is not a statutory function. The Council could choose not to progress the contract.	Legal implications: If works were not carried out, the Council would be open to third party claims for personal injury.
Name of Executive Member with responsibility for this matter: Councillor Charlwood	Is the Executive Member in agreement with the proposal? Yes
Contact: Name of responsible officer: Malcolm Webley Telephone no: Ext: 7656	