



POLICY & RESOURCES COMMITTEE – 13 June, 2013

ONE SCOTLAND MAPPING AGREEMENT

1 Recommendations

The Committee is recommended to:

- 1.1 Agree to the Council entering into to the One Scotland Mapping Agreement (OSMA) at a cost of £106,000 per annum for ten years**

2 Background / Discussion

- 2.1 The council's Ordnance Survey mapping data sets are currently provided through the One Scotland Mapping Agreement (OSMA). This agreement was negotiated by the Scottish Government in 2010 and is used by 112 Scottish public sector organisations including all 32 local authorities.
- 2.2 The current agreement expired on 31 March 2013. The Scottish Government has been negotiating with Ordnance Survey for a replacement agreement and this was signed on 28 March 2013. It is expected that all previous public sector members, including all 32 local authorities, will enter into the new agreement.
- 2.3 The new agreement takes the form of a Framework Agreement and a Members Licence as before. The agreement is for 10 years with annual reviews and strategic reviews (and potential break points) at years 4 and 7. The agreement includes efficiency savings for future years which are expected to negate any inflationary increase in Ordnance Survey costs over the life of the agreement.
- 2.4 The agreement includes a broad range of Ordnance Survey data including OS MasterMap, Topography and Integrated Transport Network Layers as well as all necessary supporting scales of mapping. In addition there are no limits to sharing data between organisations, including sharing data with contractors and other parties who are working on council projects.
- 2.5 Map-based data sets, in particular large-scale mapping which only Ordnance Survey provide, are critical to the delivery of a number of statutory and other core council services. These include local planning, development control, street gazetteer, roads management, environmental planning, flood mapping and asset management.
- 2.6 Ordnance Survey is the sole supplier of large-scale mapping in the United Kingdom. No alternative supplier is available and the shared agreement represents a significantly lower cost to the council than purchasing direct from Ordnance Survey. In addition the agreement includes data sharing rights which would not be available outwith the agreement.

- 2.7 As part of the OSMA negotiations a reduced fee for local government has been agreed. The cost for Aberdeenshire Council will therefore reduce from the previous £116,925 to £106,805 per annum.
- 2.8 The Head of Procurement has been consulted in relation to the new OSMA and has agreed that the best interests of the Council would be met by entering into the agreement.
- 2.9 The Head of Finance and the Monitoring Officer within Corporate Services have been consulted and their comments are incorporated within the report.

3. Equalities, Staffing and Financial Implications

- 3.1 The annual cost for the One Scotland Mapping Agreement of £106,805 will be met from existing budget provision.
- 3.2 An equality impact assessment is not necessary for the purpose of this report as the recommended action does not have a differential impact on people with protected characteristics

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