



**ARTICLE NO: 3B**

**CORPORATE AND ENVIRONMENTAL  
OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE**

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**Article of: Assistant Director Housing and Regeneration**

**Relevant Managing Director: Managing Director (Transformation)**

**Relevant Portfolio Holder: Councillor V. Hopley and Councillor A. Owens**

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**SUBJECT: HOUSING RESPONSE REPAIRS MAINTENANCE CONTRACT  
DURATION**

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Wards affected: Borough wide

## **1.0 PURPOSE OF ARTICLE**

- 1.1 To inform members of the urgent decision made by the Assistant Director Housing and Regeneration in consultation with the Leader of the Council, Portfolio Holder for Housing and Portfolio Holder for Housing Finance to let the repairs maintenance contracts for duration of 5 years
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## **2.0 BACKGROUND**

- 2.1 An Officer and Tenant Working Group was established to review the current response maintenance contracts with a view to re-letting the contract for commencement on the 1st of April 2012.
- 2.2 A report was presented to Cabinet on the 14<sup>th</sup> June 2011 seeking approval to retender the response maintenance contracts for an initial period of 3 years.
- 2.3 The Officer and Tenant Working Group considered that letting the contract for an initial period of 5 Years would be the best approach based on the exceptional value for money currently being achieved on other contracts and to ensure long term investment was forth coming from contractors to ensure a good level of performance.

2.4 Contract documents were therefore drafted on the basis of an initial 5 years duration with an option to extend for a further 3 years.

2.5 There was cross party representation on both the contract appraisals and contractor interviews. All parties were in agreement with the 5-year contract approach.

### **3.0 CURRENT POSITION**

3.1 In order to progress the signing of the contracts the Assistant Director of Housing and Regeneration operated his delegated authority under 4.2 of the Constitution paragraph 5.21, in consultation with the Leader of the Council, Portfolio Holder for Housing and the Portfolio Holder for Housing Finance to agree to the awarding of the response maintenance contracts on an initial 5 Year basis.

### **5.0 SUSTAINABILITY IMPLICATIONS/COMMUNITY STRATEGY**

5.1 There are no additional significant sustainability impacts associated with this article and, in particular, no significant impact on crime and disorder. The article has no significant links with the Sustainable Community Strategy.

### **6.0 FINANCIAL AND RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS**

6.1 There are no additional significant financial or resource implications arising from this article in addition to those identified to Cabinet on the 14<sup>th</sup> June 2011. However, as detailed in 2.3 it was felt that a 5 year contract duration represented the best value for money.

### **7.0 RISK ASSESSMENT**

7.1 This item is for information only and makes no recommendations. It therefore does not require a formal risk assessment and no changes have been made to risk registers as a result of this report.

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### **Background Documents**

The following background documents (as defined in Section 100D (5) of the Local Government Act 1972) have been relied on to a material extent in preparing this article.

<u>Date</u>	<u>Document</u>	<u>File Ref</u>
14 June 2012	Cabinet Report	Agenda Item 7(a)

### **Equality Impact Assessment**

The article does not have any additional direct impact on members of the public, employees, elected members and / or stakeholders. Therefore no Equality Impact Assessment is required.

### **Appendices**

None.