

**ROADS TO COMMUNITIES CAPITAL SCHEME: TENDER LIST**

Report by Director of Technical Services

PURPOSE OF REPORT To seek the approval of the Comhairle for the delegation of the approval of the list of contractors to be invited to tender for the Enaclete to Gisla road scheme.

COMPETENCE

- 1.1 There are no legal, financial or other constraints to the recommendations being implemented.

SUMMARY

- 2.1 As part of the 2004-2008 Capital Budget, the Comhairle approved the allocation of £3m for Roads to Communities improvements. A priority list was established and the improvement scheme in South Lochs, Habost to Kershader, is currently under construction.
- 2.2 The design work for the second scheme on the approved priority list, Gisla to Enaclete is now completed and discussions with SNH have been held with a view to agreeing the details of the final environmental statement required. Planning Consent for the project is required and an application has recently been lodged.
- 2.3 Subject to the necessary approvals it is expected that tender documents will be ready for issue to contractors in July. The Comhairle's approved list of contractors only covers projects up to £1.5m. The available Roads to Communities budget is £3.4m and as the construction costs are below the EU threshold an advert has been placed in the national press inviting applications from suitable contractors for inclusion in the tender list.
- 2.4 As the contract will be ready to tender before the next meeting of the Comhairle in September it is recommended that the approval of the final list of tenderers delegated to the Director of Technical Services in consultation with the Chairs of Policy and Resources and Transportation Committee.

RECOMMENDATION

- 3.1 **It is recommended that the Comhairle agree to delegate the compilation of the select list of tenderers for the Enaclete to Gisla, Roads to Community Scheme, to the Director of Technical Services in consultation with the Chairs of the Policy and Resources and Transportation Committees.**

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