

Provision of debt management and sheriff officer services – Award of framework agreement approved.

5 There was submitted a report by the Director of Legal and Administration regarding tenders received for the provision of debt management and sheriff officer services, advising that

- (1) the Council's estimated annual spend for the provision of debt management and sheriff officer services was £1,250,000;
- (2) the framework, to be utilised mainly by Financial Services and Legal Services but was open to all council departments and Arms' Length Organisations, was for a period of 4 years and would commence on 1st April 2025; and
- (3) it was agreed that an open tender process would be the most appropriate method to deliver this framework which had been split into 7 lots, and following an evaluation it was recommended the framework agreement be awarded to the suppliers detailed in the report.

After consideration, the committee approved the award of a Framework Agreement for the provision of debt management and sheriff officer services for a period of 4 years at an estimated annual value of £1,278,786 to:-

- (a) Council Tax (first placement) – Scott & Co (Scotland) LLP;
- (b) Council Tax (second placement) – George Walker & Co. T/A Walker Love;
- (c) Non-Domestic Rates (NDR) - Scott & Co (Scotland) LLP;
- (d) Sundry Debt - Scott & Co (Scotland) LLP;
- (e) Fixed Penalty Notices - Scott & Co (Scotland) LLP;
- (f) Housing Benefit Overpayment - Scott & Co (Scotland) LLP; and
- (g) Sheriff Officer Services (not connected to Lots 1 – 6) - George Walker & Co. T/A Walker Love.