Provision of consultancy support for the Society of Chief Officers of Transport in Scotland (SCOTS) Roads Asset Management Project - Phase 4 – Award of contract approved.

2 There was submitted a report by the Director of Legal and Administration regarding tenders received for the provision of consultancy support for SCOTS roads asset management project, phase 4, advising

(1) that the budget for the SCOTS roads asset management project, phase 4 consultancy support contract was £750,000, and that this Council's total contribution was £25,000 with the balance provided equally by all other Scottish local authorities;

(2) that the SCOTS roads asset management project was in its fourth phase and was recognised as being of significant national importance in driving improvement in asset management practice and promoting effective maintenance of the Scottish local road network;

(3) that this Council, acting on behalf of SCOTS and all 32 local authorities, had undertaken the procurement exercise, and

(4) of the services that would be provided under this contract, as detailed in the report, and that the contract was for 3 years with the option to extend by a single period of up to 2 years which would commence following award; and

(5) of the evaluation number of tender bids received and those taken forward to the award evaluation stage.

After consideration, the committee approved the award of a contract for the provision of consultancy support for SCOTS roads asset management project – phase 4 to Atkins Limited, at an annual average cost of £142,490.