Provision of consultancy services – Liveable neighbourhoods (tranche 2) – Contracts awarded under delegated approval noted etc.

12 There was submitted a report by the Director of Legal and Administration regarding tenders received for the provision of consultancy services – liveable neighbourhoods (LN) (tranche 2), and of the delegated approval of 2 contracts awarded under the Scheme of Delegations, advising

(1) that this Council's budget for the delivery of consultancy services – liveable neighbourhoods (tranche 2) was £600,000, and that the LN plan had been introduced in response to the draft Scottish Government's fourth National Planning Framework which highlighted the importance of liveable places and 20-minute neighbourhoods;

(2) that tranche 2 had been split into 2 contracts due to the size of the areas involved, and that the duration of the contracts was for a 12-month period from contract award, with no extension period, and would be utilised by Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability (NRS);

(3) of the evaluation scoring of the consultancies which had been recommenced for award of each of the contracts, following the mini-competition process which had been carried out, as detailed in the report; and

(4) that NRS would monitor the consultancy's day to day operational performance, but that overall contract and consultancy performance would be managed by the Corporate Procurement Unit.

After consideration, the committee noted

(a) the report; and

(b) the award of 2 contracts for the provision of consultancy services – Liveable Neighbourhoods (tranche 2), under the relevant provision of this Council's Scheme of Delegations – Chief Executive's Number 32(d), to Mott MacDonald at an award value of £287,480 and Atkins at an award value of £299,996.