

## ROTHERHAM BOROUGH COUNCIL – REPORT TO MEMBERS

1.	<b>Meeting:</b>	<b>Deputy Leader</b>
2.	<b>Date:</b>	<b>11 February 2013</b>
3.	<b>Title:</b>	<b>MapInfo Professional Support &amp; Maintenance</b>
4.	<b>Directorate:</b>	<b>Resources</b>

### 5. Summary

The Council uses MapInfo Professional as its main Geographical Information System (GIS).

The annual maintenance of the software costs £8,900. Exemption from Standing Orders is sought on the basis that only the software supplier (Pitney Bowes) are capable of supporting this software.

### 6. Recommendation

It is recommended that:

- **The contract for support and maintenance of the MapInfo Professional be exempt from the provisions of standing order 47.6.2 (requirement to invite at least 2 oral or written quotations for contracts with a value of £5000 but less than £20,000).**

## **7. Proposals and Details**

MapInfo Professional is used by over 100 officers across RMBC for capturing, managing, analyzing, and displaying all forms of geographically referenced information.

The software underpins several key services, particularly in EDS, and its withdrawal would remove our ability to deliver some services – notably in Planning and Building Control.

Pitney Bowes (the suppliers of MapInfo) charge RMBC £8,900 per annum for the support, maintenance and updates of the software.

ICT and Procurement Services have confirmed that, as the suppliers of the software, Pitney Bowes are the only business which can provide support and maintenance.

Adequate budget is available to cover this annual cost.

Legal and Financial Services have been consulted and they have confirmed their agreement with the proposal.

## **8. Finance**

The cost of MapInfo is set out above.

## **9. Risks and Uncertainties**

The GIS system is critical to several sections of the Council particularly within Resources and EDS. The data captured in MapInfo is also published on the Council's website.

If we do not renew support and maintenance, the continued use of the software will be put at risk and several key services (some of which are statutory) will be unable to operate.

## **10. Policy and Performance Agenda Implications**

Policy and performance issues are discussed elsewhere in this report.

## **11. Background Papers and Consultation**

Consultation has taken place with colleagues Legal, Finance and Procurement Services and all have confirmed agreement with the proposals.

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