

ROTHERHAM BOROUGH COUNCIL – REPORT TO MEMBERS

1.	Meeting:	Cabinet Member for Safe and Attractive Neighbourhoods
2.	Date:	1st December 2014
3.	Title:	Maintenance Contract for Buchanan Computing Accsmap Software
4.	Directorate:	Environment and Development Services

5. Summary

To seek an exemption to the Council's Standing Orders in accordance with Standing Order 38 (exemptions) so that Buchanan Computing can be awarded the maintenance contract for their Accsmap software.

6. Recommendations

It is recommended that Cabinet Member resolves that:

- i) An exemption from Standing Order 47 (requirements for contracts valued at less than £50,000) be granted and the Council award the maintenance contract for the Accsmap computer software to Buchanan Computing;**
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7. Proposals and Details

Buchanan Computing's Accsmap software is a map-based road collision analysis and database system. It is used to identify road safety problems and generate remedial road safety engineering schemes and road safety education initiatives. In addition to being used by Rotherham the software is also used by the other South Yorkshire local authorities, South Yorkshire Safety Cameras, South Yorkshire Police and the South Yorkshire Local Transport Plan Partnership, with Rotherham hosting the software on behalf of these partners. In order to guard against technical problems with the software an annual maintenance contract is entered into. In addition to providing technical support the contract also includes software upgrades. The current contract expires on 31st December 2014 and given that Buchanan Computing are the only company able to offer a maintenance contract on their software a suspension of standing orders is required to renew the contract.

8. Finance

The cost of renewing the maintenance contract is £7078.80. Funding for the contract will initially come from the Councils 2014/15 Revenue budget and will then be reclaimed from the South Yorkshire Safer Roads Partnership, i.e., there will be no net cost to the Council.

9. Risks and Uncertainties

Failure to renew the maintenance contract will mean there will be no technical support for the Accsmap Software from 1st January 2015. If any problems arise after this date the road safety activities of the Council and other Accsmap users in South Yorkshire will be compromised.

10. Policy and Performance Agenda Implications

Accsmap software helps to achieve the road safety objectives of the Sheffield City Region Transport Strategy and the associated South Yorkshire Road Safety and Casualty Reduction Strategy.

11. Background Papers and Consultation

None

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