

NORTH LANARKSHIRE COUNCIL

REPORT

To: REGENERATION SERVICES COMMITTEE	Subject: CUMBERNAULD SIGNAGE STRATEGY – APPROVAL TO APPOINT CONTRACTOR	
From: EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES		
Date: 10 February 2010	Ref: DPT/20/04/08/DOK	

1. Purpose

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to update the committee on the progress of the Cumbernauld town centre signage strategy and to seek approval to tender to a specifically selected list of contractors to deliver project over a phased period.

2. Background

- 2.1 Merson Sign Design were appointed in March 2009 to develop a signage strategy for Cumbernauld town centre, including bespoke signage elements to help residents and visitors to the town centre find their way to their destination more easily. A unique family of signage has subsequently been developed for the town centre and consulted on with relevant North Lanarkshire Council departments, local councillors and community groups.

3. Proposal

- 3.1 Certain elements of the signage are at a design detail where they are in a position to go to tender. It is proposed that tenders be sought for manufacture and installation of this initial element as part of a single contract, where subsequent elements of signage can be delivered by the successful tenderer as design detail and funding becomes available.
- 3.2 Appropriate tenderers will be sought through advertisement on Public Contracts Scotland portal. The proposed tender period will be for three weeks, allowing assessment of submissions and appointment of contract by 17th March.

4. Financial Implications

- 4.1 The above course of action is proposed to take advantage of potential Town Centre Regeneration Fund finance that may become available up to 17th March 2010. The method proposed allows elements of the signage strategy to be delivered in a phased manner as finance becomes available. As and when additional funding becomes available over the period of the contract, elements can be delivered quickly. In light of the above, there are no additional financial implications for the council.

5. Corporate Considerations

- 5.1 The delivery of this project will contribute to the Cumbernauld Town Centre Action Plan, as approved by the Regeneration Services Committee in 2006 and will serve to deliver on Corporate Plan outcome of developing town centres as centres of economic activity.

6. Recommendation

- 6.1 It is recommended that the committee approve the above proposed method of procurement of signage manufacture and installation for phased delivery.

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