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<b>Report To:</b>	<b>Policy &amp; Resources Committee</b>	<b>Date:</b>	<b>20 May 2014</b>
<b>Report By:</b>	<b>Acting Corporate Director, Environment, Regeneration &amp; Resources</b>	<b>Report No:</b>	<b>FIN/30/14/JB/BH</b>
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<b>Subject:</b>	<b>Collaborative Contract with Riverside Inverclyde for Consultancy Services</b>		

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## **1.0 PURPOSE**

- 1.1 The purpose of the report is to request committee approval to participate in a collaborative procurement exercise with Riverside Inverclyde for Consultancy Services.

## **2.0 SUMMARY**

- 2.1 Riverside Inverclyde has invited Inverclyde Council to participate in a tender exercise leading to a Framework for the provision of a range of Consultancy Services. These include: Architects, Quantity Surveyors, Project Managers, CDM Co-ordinators.
- 2.2 Riverside Inverclyde has also asked River Clyde Homes to be part of the procurement exercise and take advantage of the resultant framework. The involvement of the 3 organisations brings the estimated spend on this contract to a maximum of £5m. This spend would be spread across a maximum of 4 years with the opportunity being advertised as a 3 year initial framework with the option to extend for 1 year.
- 2.3 At present Inverclyde Council procure these services on a project by project basis. The ability to access this framework will allow the Council to engage consultants without the need to procure each time there is a requirement and to take advantage of economies of scale that will be brought about via a collaborative approach.
- 2.4 Riverside Inverclyde are willing to lead the tender exercise which will save on Officer time and represents a good example of joint working and the sharing of services within Inverclyde. Scotland Excel are developing a similar framework but are in the early stages and this is not expected to be active for some time.
- 2.5 There are a number of capable consultants who are able to operate and deliver services within the market. A collaborative procurement with the resultant increased potential for work will enhance the likelihood of suppliers tendering and getting best value.
- 2.6 Contract Standing Order 12.1 requires committee approval for collaborative procurements that are not led by Scotland Excel or Procurement Scotland.

### **3.0 RECOMMENDATION**

- 3.1 The Committee is asked to approve the request to take part in this collaborative procurement exercise as per Contract Standing Order 12.1.

**Jan Buchanan**  
**Head of Finance**

## 4.0 BACKGROUND

- 4.1 Riverside Inverclyde has invited Inverclyde Council to participate in a tender exercise leading to a Framework for the provision of a range of Consultancy Services. These include: Architects, Quantity Surveyors, Project Managers, CDM coordinators...
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## 5.0 PROPOSALS

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## 6.0 IMPLICATIONS

### 6.1 Finance

One off Costs

Cost Centre	Budget Heading	Budget Years	Proposed Spend this Report £000	Virement From	Other Comments
N/A					

Annually Recurring Costs/(Savings)

Cost Centre	Budget Heading	With Effect from	Annual Net Impact £000	Virement From (If Applicable)	Other Comments
Various, mainly Capital	Consultancy/ Professional Fees	2014/15	Will vary	n/a	Consultants will be brought in as required for specific, mainly capital, projects. Specific values are not known at this time and will vary from year to year however all costs will be contained

					within approved Capital and Revenue budgets.
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## 6.2 Legal

Legal Services have been consulted on the content of this report.

## 6.3 Human Resources

None

## 6.4 Equalities

None

## 6.5 Repopulation

None

## 7.0 LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS

7.1 None