

## **2 REPLACEMENT OF THE ICE SKATE GRINDER - DUNDEE ICE ARENA (AN9-2019)**

The Ice Skate Grinder which is used to sharpen skaters' blades at Dundee Ice Arena is of considerable age and is in urgent need of replacement. Dundee Ice Arena welcomes around 55,000 skaters to the arena each year, of which around 30,000 skaters hire ice skates. Dundee Ice Arena hold in stock around 1,000 pairs of hire skates which are maintained by Dundee Ice Arena and are kept to a standard to allow the skater the best possible experience at the rink. To do this, the blades need to be kept sharp with each pair of skates sharpened every four weeks; it takes roughly four weeks to sharpen all the skates so the process repeats making it a never-ending task to keep them in good condition.

It is reported that, in view of the timescales involved, the Executive Director of Corporate Services, in consultation with the Convener, Lord Provost Borthwick and spokespersons for the Labour, Conservative and Liberal Democrat Groups, accepted an offer from Ice Tech UK for a direct replacement of the existing equipment, on a like for like basis, in the sum, excluding delivery, of £12,950 plus VAT.

The Committee is asked to note the foregoing for information.