

9 PROVISION OF INSURANCE COVERS (AN25-2026)

The purpose of this agenda note is to provide Committee with an update regarding the Council's insurance contract that were previously agreed at this Committee (minute of meeting of 4th December, 2023, Article IX, report 341-2023 refers).

The current insurance contract is due to expire on 30th December, 2026 although has an option to extend for an additional two years and the Council may extend the contract by one further period of up to two years.

A comprehensive review of the external insurance market has been undertaken in conjunction with our insurance broker, Marsh, to determine whether re-tendering at this stage would deliver value for money and appropriate risk transfer for the Council. Following the completion of this review, the Executive Director is recommending that to ensure continuity of cover provide financial stability to the Council the most prudent approach would be for the Council to exercise the above option and extend the existing cover arrangements to 31st December, 2028.

It is noted that the full cost of funding the council's annual insurance premiums amounts to £2.7m and provision for this is included in the approved Revenue Budget. Under the terms of the existing contract, these premiums are renewed annually. The Executive Director of Corporate Services will make provision to include any adjustment when reviewing future revenue budgets.