

## **7 RENEWAL OF MAINTENANCE CONTRACT FOR ICE PREDICTION SERVICES (AN253-2007)**

The City Engineer obtained a quotation from the current provider Vaisala for the continuing maintenance of the ice prediction outstations and the forecasting bureau services over the next 5 years along with proposals for the renovation of the outstations. Comparison of the costs for the last 5 years with the proposal for the next 5 years are very favourable (£10,382 per annum compared to £10,495) and the Council can continue the service which it has previously enjoyed for a modest increase in cost. Vaisala have provided these services for the last 10 years to a consistently high and reliable standard and have worked very well with our weather forecast provider.

The ice prediction outstations are now 10 years old and their renovation has now become necessary. The maintenance service contract does not include replacement of major components in cases of wear and tear failure. It is proposed therefore to carry out a phased renovation over a 3 year period with the cost being spread over the 5 year maintenance contract period. The cost of renovation is £7,425 per annum.

The total cost of the above over a 5 year period is £89,600 (£17,920 per annum) and the Depute Chief Executive (Finance) confirms that these costs can be met each year from the Planning and Transportation Revenue Budget for Winter Maintenance.

The Committee is asked to authorise the appointment of Vaisala to provide the services outlined above.