

3 RENEWAL OF MAINTENANCE CONTRACT FOR ICE PREDICTION SERVICES (AN50-2012)

The City Engineer has obtained a quotation from the current specialist provider Vaisala for the continuing maintenance of the ice prediction outstations and the forecasting bureau services over the next 5 years. Comparison of the costs for the last 5 years with the proposal for the next 5 years are very favourable (£10,495 per annum compared to £10,963) and the Council can continue to receive this specialist service 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 total cost of the above over a 5 year period is £54,815 and the Director of Finance confirms that these costs can be met each year from the City Development Revenue Budget for Winter Maintenance.

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