

## **ACQUISITION OF TENET MAPRITE SOFTWARE**

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**Summary:** To consider a recommendation to acquire Tenet MapRite Software

**Recommendation:** That the Council be recommended to approve the acquisition of Tenet MapRite software to aid in the adjustment of Copeland's spatial data that is affected by Ordnance Survey's Positional Accuracy Improvement PAI programme and funding to come from contingencies.

**Impact on delivering the Corporate Plan:** Quality Council delivering Quality Services – improving efficiency. By correcting our data in line with the Corporate GIS Strategy recommendations; Objectives and Priorities of the Copeland Corporate Plan will not be compromised and Gershon Efficiency Savings should still be attained.

**Impact on other statutory objectives (e.g. crime & disorder, LA21):** Will help us to meet e-Gov target G5 by making sure the map data we present to the public through the Internet is accurate.

**Financial and human resource implications:** The cost will be £11800 which will need to be met from contingencies. Balance on contingencies prior to approvals at this meeting is £79,214.

**Project & Risk Management:** Acquisition now rather than later will save a significant amount of money and poses no additional risk.

### **Key Decision Status**

- **Financial:** None  
- **Ward:** None

**Other Ward Implications:** None

### **1. INTRODUCTION**

- 1.1 As outlined in the original budget bid and supporting documentation there is a need for a piece of software to align our spatial data with the new base mapping supplied to Copeland through the Ordnance Survey.
- 1.2 A budget bid has been submitted as part of the budget process for 2006 / 07 however there are two reasons why this report needs to be considered by the Executive for expenditure in this year. Firstly and most significantly Copeland has been notified of a price rise in this product which will come into effect on 31<sup>st</sup> December 2005. The price increase is substantial at 20% and works out to be just over £2000.
- 1.3 It is recommended therefore that the software should be purchased with contingency funds in this financial year, and not have to wait until the price increase occurs.

- 1.4 The second reason for purchase before the start of financial year 2006 / 07 is that there is a need to get the software installed and relevant officers trained before receiving the updated mapping from Ordnance Survey. These updates are now due in February 2006. Copeland should not have to be using out of date base map information for any longer than absolutely necessary. By doing so Copeland will be compromising the quality of their investment in spatial data potentially facing legal implications if nothing is done.
- 1.5 Positional Accuracy Improvement needs to be dealt with swiftly and due to the pressures of other GIS related issues a start needs to be made before the end of this financial year.

## **2. CONCLUSIONS**

- 2.1 If there is an opportunity for Copeland to save a significant amount of money then it would be wise to purchase this software in the financial year of 2005 / 06 with contingency funding if at all possible.
- 2.2 To avoid unnecessary compromise to the Council's spatial data holdings Positional Accuracy Improvement should be dealt with as quickly as possible. The sooner the adjusted data is made available to officers the sooner and more informed their decision making can be.

### **List of Appendices**

Appendix A – [Copy of Budget Bid](#)

Appendix B – [Supporting Documentation for Budget Bid](#)

**List of Background Documents:** GIS Strategy

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