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To: Policy Overview & Scrutiny Committee (25 March 2010)

Subject: KHS Contracts: A Brief Overview

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Summary: A position statement on the current KHS contracts including current contract remits and relevant timescales.

Overview

The KHS Alliance delivers services to the people of Kent through 4 main organisations; Ringway, Jacobs, Kent County Council (KCC) and Telent. Individual contracts exist between KCC and these three private sector organisations.

Current Position

Contractor and consultancy contracts were re-tendered in 2006 and although some market testing is currently taking place, highway services are primarily delivered through the three countywide term-service contracts shown below:

Contract	Provider	Overview of services	Annual Value
Highway Term Maintenance	Ringway	Reactive repairs and routine minor maintenance: <ul style="list-style-type: none">○ potholes and patching○ winter service○ streetlighting○ gully cleansing○ lining and signing and maintenance/improvement schemes up to £1 million	£60m
Consultancy	Jacobs	Specialist advice and top up design support	£13m
Traffic Systems	Telent	Routine maintenance of traffic signals and systems	£1.4m

Timescales

The contracts have an initial 5 year term to 2011 with possible annual extensions to 2016. The contracts do not have any work load guarantees and all have a 12 month termination notice clause.

Recommendations

The Committee notes the above information and that further information will be provided to Members in due course.

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