

**Report to:** Executive Member for Environment and Transport  
**Date:** 07 June 2006  
**Report by:** Head of Transport and Street Management  
**Written by:** Kartik Shah  
**Subject:** iPlus Point Maintenance and Operation Agreement  
**Wards Affected:** All

### **1. Purpose of Report:**

- 1.1 To seek approval from the Executive Member to progress payment to Cityspace for 6 months, as part of ongoing iPlus Point Maintenance and Operating Agreement, until such time that it should be subsumed within the New Bus Shelter contract.

### **2. Recommendations:**

- 2.1 That the maintenance sum of £86,625, which equates to a period of approximately 6 months be approved. That the costs to be initially charged against the Environment & Transport Revenue budget and subsequently recovered from the Off Street Parking reserve funds if necessary.

### **3. Background:**

#### **3.1 Adshel Limited / Cityspace Limited:**

3.1.1 Adshel are part of Clear Channel and they act as managers of the city's bus shelter stock. Cityspace provide and maintain out of home digital networks in partnership with local authorities.

3.1.2 i+ Portsmouth is the UK's first out of home, integrated transport and community electronic information system, providing real value for Portsmouth's residents and visitors alike. The system users will have an access to wide range of services from bus/ trains real time information/ timetable data to digital maps and university/council services.

3.1.3 Real Time Passenger Information (RTPI) is the primary aim of the PORTAL project.

3.1.4 i+ Portsmouth: Touch Screen Terminal Services is the secondary aim designed to provide alternative real time travelling options information. In addition, access to the Council and e-government information from [www.portsmouth.gov.uk](http://www.portsmouth.gov.uk) as directed by the Council. The Council acts as a gateway to wider e-government services.

3.2 Implication of non-payment:

- 3.2.1 Contractual obligation: Portsmouth City Council is under contractual obligation under the i+ Point Maintenance and Operating Agreement. It is a 10 year agreement, which commenced on 31st December 2003.
- 3.2.2 Although the existing Adshel contract has been extended for a period of 6 months whilst a new contract is procured, an extension with Cityspace would not be honoured. Negotiations were undertaken but it resulted in confirmation that monthly payment of £14,437.50 needs to be met.
- 3.2.3 On street effects: the travelling public could react negatively if RTI services are removed. Potential impact should also be considered from local media and DfT reaction to future LTP submissions.

3.3 Bus Shelter Contract:

- 3.3.1 The initial Operating Fee with Cityspace covered management and maintenance of i+ Points until 31st March 2006 in line with the termination date of the Bus Shelter maintenance contract.
- 3.3.2 It was envisaged at that time that the existing Bus Shelter Contract would be renewed with the existing contractor “Adshel Limited” and would subsume the i+ Point Maintenance and Operating Agreement within the new bus shelter contract.
- 3.3.3 Due to the additional time required to procure the new Bus Shelter Contract through open competition, it has resulted in a cost implication of £14,437.50 per month for the i+ Point maintenance and operating costs for a minimum of 6 month until 01 October 2006 or until such time a new Bus Shelter maintenance contract commences which provides for these costs. The i+ Point maintenance and operation cost will be subsumed within the new Bus Shelter maintenance contract.

**4. Financing:**

- 4.1 The maintenance costs would be funded from the Environment and Transport revenue budget, during the 2006/2007 financial year and subsequently recovered from the Off Street Parking Reserve if necessary. There is no budget for this contract within the current Environment and Transport 2006/2007 cash limits. The current uncommitted balance of the Parking Reserve is £450,00.00. This includes an allocation of hand-held devices for parking attendants.
- 4.2 It is hoped that the future maintenance costs for this contract will be included within the renegotiated Bus Shelter contract. If this is not the case then a subsequent source of funding for the annual costs of £173,250.00 will have to be identified.

**5. Conclusions:**

- 5.1 In light of the current situation non-payment will result in a lack of RTPI display on street, which will effectively result in the demise of the PORTAL project.
- 5.2 Non payment may potentially constitute in a breach of contract.
- 5.3 It is recommended that the monthly cost of £14,437.50 to be met for a minimum of 6 months. This cost to be initially charged to Traffic Systems Revenue budget with the subsequent recovery from Parking Reserve Funds if necessary.

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Head of Transport & Street Management

**Background Documents**

- 1 Letter / Invoice from Cityspace Limited.
- 1 Letter – “Portsmouth Maintenance contract renewal”
- i+ Point Maintenance and Operating Agreement / Contract.

**Approval to recommendations**

**The recommendation(s) set out above were approved/rejected as amended/deferred/rejected by the Executive Member on**

Signed.....  
(Executive Member for Environment and Transport)