

**EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL**

**CABINET - 19 SEPTEMBER 2007**

**MOUNT CARMEL PRIMARY SCHOOL, KILMARNOCK  
ELECTRICAL UPGRADE, PHASE 1**

**Report by the Executive Head of Finance and Asset Management**

**1. PURPOSE OF REPORT**

- 1.1** To seek approval for a negotiated extension to the contract for the electrical upgrade to Mount Carmel Primary School currently in place.

**2. BACKGROUND**

- 2.1** The Education Committee at their meeting of 30th January 2007 approved the Education Service Capital Programme for 2006/07, which provided for the electrical upgrade of Mount Carmel Primary School, in the amount of £250,000.00.
- 2.2** During the design stage for the works it was deemed that the works would be of an extremely disruptive nature to the School, and would only be possible out with the school term time, with the summer break providing the greatest opportunity to begin the works.
- 2.3** Consequently tender documents were prepared, as a quantified schedule of rates, to carry out an initial phase of works during the school summer holidays. Four tenders were returned, with the lowest being submitted by John McCaig & Sons Ltd in the amount of £125,212.06. This offer was accepted by the Council on 21<sup>st</sup> June 2007.
- 2.4** John McCaig & Sons successfully carried out the works over the summer break, and at this time discussions between the contractor, Technical Services and the client identified the possibility of carrying out a significant smaller phase of works during the school's October break. The timescales involved in a new round of tender action for these proposed works, would now be insufficient to allow the engagement of another contractor prior to the October break.
- 2.5** Technical Services have communicated on an 'in principle' basis with John McCaig & Sons Ltd, who have stated that they would be willing to carry out this additional work at the rates and terms agreed in the original tender. The value of these works would amount to approximately £65,000.

### **3. PROPOSED EXTENSION**

- 3.1** It is proposed to extend the existing contract at existing rates and conditions, to a maximum contract value of £190,000 to enable further works to be carried out than had originally been envisaged.

### **4. LEGAL IMPLICATIONS**

- 4.1** This report is presented in terms of paragraph 9(3) of the Councils Standing Orders Relating to Contracts (extension of existing contracts).
- 4.2** The statutory responsibility of Elected Members is to secure economy, efficiency and effectiveness in the use of Council resources.

### **5. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

- 5.1** Expenditure of available budget as detailed above, contained within the approved 2007/2008 Education Services Capital Programme.

### **6. RECOMMENDATIONS**

- 6.1** It is recommended that members
1. Authorise extension of the existing contract with John McCaig & Sons Ltd to a maximum contract value of £190,000.

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### **LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS**

NIL

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