

EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL
SOCIAL WORK COMMITTEE – 26 JANUARY 2006

AWARDING OF CONTRACTS

Report by the Depute Chief Executive/Executive Director of Corporate Support

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to provide, for information, details of a tender which has been accepted. The amount shown is the actual cost of the contract and is exclusive of professional fees.

2. BACKGROUND

- 2.1 The Council, at its meeting held on 4 March 2004 (Item 6, page 604, 03/07) agreed the Standing Orders relating to Contracts, which apply to all contracts for the supply of goods and materials for the provision of services or for the execution of works. The contract was awarded in terms of these Standing Orders.

3. CONTRACT – IT BASED EDUCATIONAL SUPPORT FOR LOOKED AFTER CHILDREN SERVICE

- 3.1 The contract was awarded to Learning Curve Software Ltd, Edinburgh for the sum of £142,000.
- 3.2 Other contractors invited to tender and offers received were as follows:-

Other Contractors in Alphabetical Order – Alta Systems (NI) Ltd, Northern Ireland; Chartwell-Yorke Ltd, Bolton; ChaseLearning, Grimsby; Counting Thoughts Ltd, Glasgow; Creative Learning Media Ltd, Somerset; eCom Scotland Ltd, Dunfermline; EP Skills for Life, County Durham; EPR, London; Fronter UK, Tyne & Wear; Research Machines Plc, Abingdon; Simulacra, London; Spark of Genius, Paisley.

Offers Received in Ascending Order - £102,500.55; and £272,800.00

Ten tenderers did not submit a tender.

4. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 4.1 The Client Department has confirmed that the cost of the works can be provided from existing budgets.

5. LEGAL/AUTHORITY IMPLICATIONS

- 5.1 The contract was awarded in terms of Paragraph 15 of the Council's Standing Orders relating to contracts.

6. POLICY IMPLICATIONS

- 6.1 Nil.

7. RECOMMENDATIONS

- 7.1 The Committee is asked to note the contract awarded to date.

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