

EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL

COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE – 7th FEBRUARY 2001

ARRANGEMENT OF OPERATIONAL LEASE FOR MOBILE HEALTHY LIVING CENTRE

Report by Director of Community Services

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to seek committee approval to secure an appropriate operating lease for the mobile healthy living centre vehicle.

2. BACKGROUND

- 2.1 East Ayrshire Council have secured revenue funding from the New Opportunities Lottery Fund to develop a five year Healthy Living Centre Project. An outline of the project was provided in a report to the Community Services Committee on 15th November 2000.

- 2.2 The project focuses upon a mobile healthy living resource which will visit a range of communities within the area.

- 2.3 Tenders were invited for a mobile resource unit in compliance with European procurement legislation.

- 2.4 Tenders were assessed using the following award criteria.

- a) Price
- b) Delivery date
- c) Quality and compliance with project particulars and specification
- d) Single and recurring maintenance costs
- e) Lifetime running costs.
- f) Technical merit and technical back-up
- g) Degree of uniformity with existing council fleet
- h) Aesthetic and functional characteristics

- 2.5 The contract was awarded on 100% price and the company's ability to deliver the vehicle within the desired timescale.

3. CONSIDERATIONS

- 3.1 The project funding is available to cover the cost of an operating lease for a period of four years.

- 3.2 It was deemed to be more cost effective to utilise the lottery funds to lease a vehicle as opposed to incurring capital costs. Indeed the New Opportunities fund had indicated a preference for revenue applications.

4. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 4.1 Since the vehicle leasing costs are being met from external funding there are no direct financial implications for the council.

5. LEGAL AUTHORITY/IMPLICATIONS

- 5.1 The tendering process has been completed in compliance with European Union Procurement legislation and in close collaboration with the Council's procurement and transportation sections.

6. POLICY IMPLICATIONS

- 6.1 Nil

7. CONCLUSIONS

- 7.1 The leased vehicle will make best use of external funding and will facilitate the work of the project within the council area.

8. RECOMMENDATIONS

- 8.1 It is recommended that the Committee:-
- (i) Instruct the Director of Finance to secure an appropriate operating lease of 4 years in respect of the mobile healthy living centre; and
 - (ii) Otherwise note the content of this report.

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LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS

1. Report by the procurement section in relation to the evaluation of tenders.
2. Report on Healthy Living Centre Project – Community Services Committee - 15 November 2000.
3. Report on outcome of the Tendering Exercise for the supply and delivery of mobile. Healthy Living Centre by Senior Procurement Officer (PS/00/013/CS) 20th December.

Any person wishing to inspect the background papers listed above should telephone 01563 546264 and ask for John Griffiths.
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AGENDA