

EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL

COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE - FEBRUARY 2002

CLEANSING - VEHICLE TENDERS

Report by Director of Community Services

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 To ask the committee to approve the acceptance of tenders for the provision of one precinct street sweeping vehicle.

2. BACKGROUND

- 2.1 A detailed report on proposed vehicle acquisitions for financial year 2001/2002 was approved by the Community Services Committee on 21st September 2000 subject to this further report on the outcome of the tendering process.

3. MAIN CONSIDERATIONS

- 3.1 Council policy is to award tenders considered to be the "most economically advantageous" based on the following criteria:-
- a. Price
 - b. Delivery Times
 - c. Quality and Compliance with Project Particulars and Specification
 - d. Single and Recurring Maintenance Costs
 - e. Lifetime Running Costs
 - f. Technical Merit
 - g. Aesthetic And Functional Characteristics
 - h. Degree of Uniformity of Existing Council Fleet

4. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 4.1 The report of 21st September 2000 estimated that the capital cost of the precinct sweeper would be £50,000. Allowance was made in the budget for annual lease costs based on this capital value.
- 4.2 The acquisition of this replacement is consistent with the approved Vehicle Replacement Programme and the Cleansing D.S.O. Business Plan as approved.
- 4.3 The bids based on capital costs were as follows: -

Jack Allen	£42,200
Applied Sweepers	£48,159
Schmidt	£51,796

5. EVALUATION OF SUBMISSIONS

- 5.1 The vehicle tendered by Jack Allen (Power Sweep) is relatively new to the market and to East Ayrshire Council (non-compliance with award criteria H). The vehicle received an operating trial in Kilmarnock and operators were concerned about the small suction box and the ability to deal with leaves effectively (non-compliance with award criteria G).
- 5.2 The vehicles tendered by Applied Sweepers (Scarab Minor) and Schmidt (Swingo) are similar to vehicles already operating satisfactorily with East Ayrshire Council (compliance with award criteria H). The vehicles tendered by these companies comply in all respects with the specification.

6. CONCLUSION

- 6.1 Taking into account all aspects of the submissions it is clear that the most economically advantageous tender having regard to the award criteria is that submitted by Applied Sweepers. The vehicle tendered by Applied Sweepers also came out top on overall performance during the practical trials carried out on all vehicles. The Council currently operates two similar Applied Scarab sweepers both of which are giving satisfactory service.

7. POLICY/LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

- 7.1 All Public Procurement Legislation has been complied with. The tender recommended for acceptance represents value for money and meets the criteria of the specification.

8. RECOMMENDATION

- 8.1 It is recommended that the Committee: -
- (i) approve the acceptance of the above tender from Applied Sweepers, being the lowest bid, which fully meets the award criteria at a capital cost of £48,159; and
 - (ii) instruct the Director of Finance to secure an appropriate operating lease over a seven year term in respect of this vehicle acquisition.

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Director of Community Services

8th January 2002
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LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS

1. Report on vehicle replacements - Community Services Committee on 21st September 2000.

AGENDA