

## **EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL**

### **EDUCATION SUB-COMMITTEE - 05 SEPTEMBER 2000**

#### **TRANSPORT FACILITIES FOR SCHOOL SESSION 2000/01 FOR CHILDREN WITH SPECIAL AND/OR MEDICAL NEEDS.**

##### **Report by Director of Educational and Social Services**

### **1. PURPOSE**

- 1.1** Members of the Sub- Committee are asked to note the current position regarding contracts to transport children with special and/or medical needs to special, mainstream and nursery schools and to the psychological services and the language unit.

### **2. BACKGROUND**

- 2.1** On 27 June 1996 the Education (Business) Sub Committee agreed to note the arrangements made for the provision of transport for pupils with special and/or medical needs.

### **3. INTRODUCTION**

- 3.1** For session 2000/01, 100 contracts in East Ayrshire were required to convey pupils with special educational and/or medical needs to educational establishments. 30 contracts were for 3 years and 70 for 1 year.
- 3.2** Following public advertisement in local newspapers, tenders were received for all 100 contracts.

### **4. ANALYSIS OF OFFERS**

- 4.1** After analysis of the tenders which were made for 100 contracts, it is recommended that 3 be awarded to firms whose offer was equal lowest with one other contractor.

### **5. COST OF CONTRACTS**

- 5.1** The overall cost of the 100 contracts £537,472.00

## **6. RECOMMENDATION**

### **6.1** Members are asked to:

- 1) note the arrangements which have been made to award contracts to transport 331 children with special educational and/or medical problems to educational establishments.
- 2) 97 contracts to be awarded to the lowest tender, at a cost of £529112  
3 contracts to firms who submitted the lowest tenders whose offer was equal lowest with other contractors, at a cost of £8360

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## **LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPER**

### **1 SUMMARY OF SUCCESSFUL TENDERS**

Members wishing further information should contact Graham Short, Head of Schools  
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## **APPENDIX 1**

Contract 31/SO/01

Awarded to Bel-Air

Cartel Radio Cabs - Joint lowest offer - Reason for not awarding (4)

Contract 60/MO/01

Awarded to Bel-Air

Cartel Radio Cabs - Joint lowest offer - Reason for not awarding (3)

Contract 80/NS/01

Awarded to Ambergrove

Cartel Radio Cabs - Joint lowest offer - Reason for not awarding (4)

## **GLOSSARY TO APPENDIX 1**

Reason for not recommending acceptance:-

- (1) Contractor would be overstretched (insufficient vehicles).
- (2) New contractor already receiving some contracts.
- (3) Contractor already has several contracts.
- (4) Remaining with previous contractor.
- (5) Successful contractor submitted multiple bid which was cheapest overall.
- (6) Contractor, not previously utilised by the authority, has not been provided substantiation of viability.
- (7) Previous complaints about this contractor.
- (8) Unable to provide requested vehicle.
- (9) Toss of coin.

**AGENDA**