

EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL

EMERGENCY POWERS COMMITTEE - 22 FEBRUARY 2001

ELECTRICAL REWIRING AND FIRE ALARM INSTALLATION ONTHANK PRIMARY SCHOOL, KILMARNOCK

Report by Director of Homes and Technical Services

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1** To advise Members of the rewiring works being carried out at Onthank Primary School and to seek approval of Contract Procurement method used, which was a tender negotiation with South Ayrshire Council.

2. BACKGROUND

- 2.1** As part of its Capital Programme, the Council intended to carry out electrical rewiring and the installation of a fire alarm system in Onthank Primary School. These works were originally programmed to be carried out by the Council's Building and Works Division. However, the Building and Works Division experienced significant difficulties in recruiting electricians at the appropriate time in the year since there was a serious shortage of skilled tradesmen in the market. Accordingly, Building and Works were unable to progress these works. In order to demonstrate and establish compatible benchmarking processes, it was considered that it would be appropriate to initiate tender negotiations with colleagues in South Ayrshire Council. It was intended that this method would have the dual purpose of providing suitable benchmarking prices, while at the same time entering into a relationship on a pan-Ayrshire basis which might lead to reciprocal arrangements at a later stage.
- 2.2** Given the available timescale for carrying out these Capital funded works, it was determined that it was necessary to commence works on site in advance of the negotiations being concluded with South Ayrshire Council.
- 2.3** It has now been possible to agree a tender value with South Ayrshire Council, at suitable benchmarked rates, in the sum of £87,446.36. This is considered to be a suitable benchmark rate and is in line with market prices being obtained on other tenders.
- 2.4** The works on site are progressing well, comprising the installation of a new fire alarm system throughout the Primary School and Nursery, together with the rewiring of power installations to the second floor, and the rewiring of lighting installations to the second and third floors.

3. CONTRACT PROCUREMENT/LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

- 3.1** This report is presented in terms of paragraph 10(2) of the Council's Standing Orders relating to contract negotiation. Standing Orders require single

contractor negotiations for contracts over £20,000 to be approved in advance by the relevant Committee. In this case retrospective consent is being sought to approve completed negotiations.

4. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 4.1 Expenditure of available budget as detailed above.
- 4.2 The Council is bound to pay the contractor for the works executed.

5. RECOMMENDATIONS

- 5.1 It is recommended that Members authorise the negotiation and acceptance of the contract with South Ayrshire Council, in the sum of £87,446.36.

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BACKGROUND PAPERS

Nil

Any person wishing further information on this report should contact James Lavery, Director of Homes and Technical Services on 01563 554875.

AGENDA