

**ANGUS COUNCIL**

**PLANNING AND TRANSPORT POLICY COMMITTEE**

**11 MARCH 1999**

**SUBJECT: CARNOUSTIE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENTS**

**JOINT REPORT BY DIRECTOR OF PLANNING AND TRANSPORT AND DIRECTOR OF PROPERTY SERVICES**

**Abstract: This report seeks homologation of action taken by the Director of Planning & Transport in consultation with the Convener and Director of Finance in respect of proposed improvement works at The Links, Carnoustie. It also advises the Committee on the tenders received for the refurbishment of the public shelter.**

**1 RECOMMENDATION**

It is recommended that the Committee:-

- (a) homologate the action taken by the Director of Planning in consultation with the Convener, Director of Finance and Director of Property Services in authorising the Director of Law & Administration to accept a fixed price tender from Hall & Tawse amounting to £66,407 for works around the hotel; and
- (b) approves the acceptance of the lowest tender submitted by Muirfield (Contracts) Ltd., Dundee, in the amount of £12,592.94.

**2 INTRODUCTION**

- 2.1 Members will recall that, in January 1999, the Director of Property Services was authorised to negotiate a contract with the hotel contractor (Hall & Tawse) for works around the hotel at an estimated cost of £55,000. Authority was also given to proceed with the refurbishment of the public shelter at an estimated cost of £10,700.

**3 TENDERS RECEIVED**

- 3.1 A fixed price tender was received from Hall & Tawse for the works amounting to £66,407. This is approximately £11,000 over the original estimated cost. The works will be carried out between March and May of this year to ensure completion before the "Open Championship" in July.
- 3.2 The Director of Property Services was of the view that competitive tendering may have resulted in keener prices but this would have incurred more professional fees and the work could not have been carried out within the required timescale. He therefore concluded that, under the circumstances, the price for the work was realistic and recommended acceptance of the tender.

- 3.3 As the tender was open for acceptance until Friday, 19 February 1999, the Director of Planning & Transport in consultation with the Convener and Director of Finance authorised the Director of Law & Administration to accept the tender from Hall & Tawse. This action was felt to be necessary to ensure that the works are completed in advance of the "Open" in July.
- 3.4 Tenders for the refurbishment of the public shelter were also received on Tuesday, 2 March 1999. Tenders are on a fixed price basis and the offers received are as follows:-

Contractor	Tender Amount	Checked Amount
Muirfield (Contracts) Ltd., Dundee	£12,592.94	£12,592.94
Duncan Martin Joiners, Carnoustie	£12,953.85	£12,953.85
Derek McNulty, Arbroath	£20,017.20	£20,017.20
Hall & Tawse (Scotland) Ltd.	Documents returned unpriced	

- 3.5 The works comprise the refurbishment of the existing shelter at Links Parade, Carnoustie, which involves repairing the existing roof and gutters, replacing existing panels and seating, resurfacing the area surrounding the shelter, and all associated painterwork.
- 3.6 Whilst the lowest tender is approximately £2,000 over the original estimate, the Director of Property Services is of the view that the general level of pricing within the lowest offer is considered to be competitive having regard to the nature and extent of the works and the necessity to have the works completed by May 1999.

#### 4 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 4.1 An overall allowance of £154,000 has been made in the Council's Local Capital Fund, for the improvement works in Carnoustie of which a total of £123,000 has been allocated. The latter figure includes the £55,000 originally estimated for the works around the hotel and the £10,700 for the refurbishment of the shelter. The increase in cost of approximately £13,000 can therefore be met from the remaining £31,000 unallocated budget. This now leaves an updated unallocated budget of £18,000.
- 4.2 The Carnoustie Links Management Committee have agreed to meet 50% of the cost of the works to the putting green based on an estimated cost of £22,000. The actual cost has increased to £36,183 and confirmation is awaited that it can still meet 50% of this cost. That being the case, the increased cost to be met by Angus Council would be reduced.

#### 5 CONSULTATION

- 5.1 The Chief Executive, Director of Finance, Director of Law & Administration and Director of Property Services have been consulted during the preparation of this report.

**NOTE**

No background papers, as defined by Section 50D of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973, (other than any containing confidential or exempt information) were relied on to any material extent in preparing the above Report.

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