

ANGUS COUNCIL

NEIGHBOURHOOD SERVICES COMMITTEE – 16 APRIL 2009

REPORT BY THE DIRECTOR OF NEIGHBOURHOOD SERVICES

SMALL TOOLS AND PERSONAL PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT TENDER EXTENSION

Abstract: The purpose of this Report is to ask the Committee to approve the Director of Neighbourhood Services recommendation to extend the current Small Tools & Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) supply contracts for Angus Council's Direct Services.

1. RECOMMENDATION

1.1 It is recommended that the Committee:

- (a) approve the Director's request for an exemption on the basis of Financial Regulation 16.22.4(b)(vi) as set out in Section 3;
- (b) approves the Director of Neighbourhood Services recommendation to a 1 year extension to continue with the current agreements between Angus Council and successful suppliers from previous reports 1226/07 & 1227/07 for the supply of Small Tools and PPE.

2. BACKGROUND

2.1 Direct Services tendered for these supplies and contracts were awarded for the period from January 2008 to December 2008. The contracts include an option to extend the contracts for an additional period of one year from January 2009 to December 2009. This allows the Council to continue to purchase directly from the contracted suppliers for an additional period of one year. Angus Council will only exercise this option in circumstances where the existing contract still demonstrates value for money.

3. CURRENT POSITION

3.1 It was hoped for this coming year, that the Council would have the option to use the Scotland Excel (OGC) PPE contract for the purchase of small tools and PPE. However the tender process by Scotland Excel, for PPE only, is near completion and will hopefully be completed by May/June 2009. Once Scotland Excel have set up a contract in this regard, it is recommended that the options available to the Council be reviewed to ensure best value is achieved.

3.2 The small tools contract via Scotland Excel does not yet have an implementation date, therefore, the Council will require to carry out its own tender process for these supplies at the expiry of the current contract.

3.2 It is considered that the current suppliers continue to provide a value for money solution and that it would therefore be beneficial to exercise the 1 year extension option, which would allow the Scotland Excel PPE contract to fully develop and would allow the Council to carry out a full competitive advertised tender process for the renewal of the small tools contract.

3.3 In this regard therefore, members are asked to approve an exemption from the normal tendering requirements of Section 16 on the basis of Financial Regulation 16.22.4(b)(vi) "it is beneficial to the Council that ... an extension to an existing contract ... should be negotiated with a particular party" and to thereafter agree to extend the existing contracts for a period of one year from January 2009 to December 2009.

4. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 4.1 There are no additional financial implications associated with this report as the cost of the purchase of Small Tools and PPE in this report are already provided for within the Direct Services revenue budget provision for 2009/10.

5. HUMAN RIGHTS IMPLICATIONS

- 5.1 There are no Human Rights implications associated with this report.

6. CONSULTATION

- 6.1 The Chief Executive, the Director of Corporate Services, the Head of Finance and the Head of Law and Administration have been consulted in the preparation of this report.

7. EQUALITIES IMPLICATIONS

- 7.1 The issues dealt within this report have been the subject of consideration from the equalities perspective (as required by the legislation). An equalities impact assessment is not required.

8. OUTCOME AGREEMENT

- 8.1 This report contributes to the following local outcome(s) contained within the Single Outcome Agreement for Angus.

- Sustainable business growth is achieved by approval of the recommendations of the report.
- Reduction in waste through a sustained increase in recycling and reuse of wastes by approval of the recommendations of the report.
- Resources are used effectively by approval of the recommendations of the report.

9. CONCLUSION

- 9.1 Existing suppliers be asked to continue to supply Small Tools and PPE until the Scotland Excel (OGC) contract is completed and reviewed as another option.

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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 a material extent in preparing the above Report.

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