

ANGUS COUNCIL

NEIGHBOURHOOD SERVICES COMMITTEE – 15 JANUARY 2009

REPORT BY DIRECTOR OF NEIGHBOURHOOD SERVICES

SUPPLY OF PARKS MAINTENANCE PLANT MACHINERY AND EQUIPMENT 2009

ABSTRACT

The purpose of this Report is to ask the Committee to approve the Director of Neighbourhood Services recommendation to purchase plant, machinery and equipment for replacement within the Capital Budget programme

1. RECOMMENDATIONS

- 1.1 The Committee is asked to approve the Director of Neighbourhood Services recommendation, to accept the tenders for plant, machinery and equipment as outlined in this report.

2. BACKGROUND AND PROPOSALS

- 2.1 The Parks Maintenance section of Direct Services (Neighbourhood Services) issued tenders for the supply and delivery of Grounds Maintenance equipment for use within Angus Council's ground operations service provision.

- 2.2 Direct Services tender for this equipment annually, applying the calendar year rather than the financial year as a basis in order to match the cyclical nature of the grounds operation service provision.

- 2.3 Tenders were invited on an open, single stage procedure and evaluated on the basis of most economically advantageous to Angus Council with specific regard to price and quality. The methodology for determining the best economic fit was based on an approved price/quality ratio of 70%/30% respectively.

As a result of the expected value of the tender exercise it was necessary to advertise the contract in the European Journal.

3. TENDER ANALYSIS

- 3.1 The specification contained within each tender document represented the department's current and future needs for machinery replacement for 2009. The Parks Maintenance section took specific cognisance of the quality of machinery on offer with a view to considering items that met the specific needs of the service. In particular, the tender analysis took full consideration of how closely the prospective tender submissions matched the predetermined quality criteria including specification, warranty, delivery, spare parts and after sales service whilst offering the most economic price.

- 3.2 The evaluation process does not require Angus Council to choose a single tender. Instead Angus Council is in a position to extract specific elements of the tendered submissions in order to achieve best value for money.

- 3.3 It should be noted that the unit costs of the equipment recommended for purchase has increased during the year as a result principally of inflation increases in steel costs which is a major component in the manufacture of Grounds Equipment.

- 3.4 The breakdown of the tender prices in respect of successful submissions is as follows:-

Tenderers	£
Fairways (GM) Ltd, Renfrew	82,062
Gammies Ltd, Forfar	41,475
Scot JCB Ltd, Glasgow	26,240
Angus Chainsaws, Arbroath	26,087
Double 'A' Ltd, Cupar	20,745
Alpha Plus, Kintore, Aberdeenshire	8,289
Fleet Ltd, Malvern, Worcestershire	2,225
Total	207,123

4. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 4.1 The total cost of the purchase of ground maintenance equipment in this report (£207,123) will be contained within the Neighbourhood Services financial plan. The portfolio of funding includes part of the department's capital allocation for grounds operations equipment (2008/2009); approved ring fenced capital receipts and Direct Services revenue funding.

Category	£	£
Cost of Project		207,123
Capital Receipt*	19,102	
Direct Services Revenue Funding	98,111	
Capital Allocation	90,000	
Total		207,123

* Capital Receipt received in respect of the disposal of old ground maintenance equipment.

5. HUMAN RIGHTS

- 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 & Administration have been consulted in the preparation of this report.

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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.