

WEST DUNBARTONSHIRE COUNCIL

Report by Executive Director of Housing, Environmental and Economic Development

Tendering Committee: 28 July 2009

Subject: Operational Premises Water Management Contract 2009/2010

1. Purpose

- 1.1** To advise the Committee of tenders received for water management of operational premises in West Dunbartonshire and to seek approval to accept the most economically advantageous tender.

2. Background

- 2.1** Tenders for this contract were received on 17 June 2009 from two of the four contractors who were requested to submit a tender return.

3. Main Issues

- 3.1** The work comprises the inspection and management reporting of hot and cold water systems to the Councils non housing premises including water quality and legionella bacteria control. The works also includes tank and calorifier inspections and reports and sampling for the presence of legionella bacteria

4. Personnel Issues

- 4.1** Specification and Quantity Surveying services are being carried out in-house by the Property Management Section of Housing, Environmental and Economic Development.
- 4.2** CDM Regulations compliance, where applicable, will be undertaken by Bryan Byrne Associates whom were appointed to act as CDM Coordinator for the Council for financial year 2009-2010

5. Financial Implications

- 5.1** The lowest two tenders have been checked arithmetically, represent good value by current pricing levels and can be accommodated within the General Services Central Repairs and Maintenance Budget.

6. Risk Analysis

- 6.1** The risks associated with Approved code of practice L8 Compliance have been addressed within this process and Health and Safety compliance has been considered as part of the tender evaluation.
- 6.2** Failure to carry out this work could result in contamination to water supplies and breach of H.S.E. Guidelines as stipulated in the Approved Code of Practice Document L8 Control of Legionella Bacteria.

7. Conclusions & Officers' Recommendations

- 7.1** The works included in this contract are essential in ensuring good water quality within buildings. From the four contractors whom were invited to submit a tender return, two contractors returned documents, one contractor failed to submit a tender and one contractor moved premises and did not receive a tender document. Skanska Rashleigh Weatherfoil was found to have the lowest priced tender return of £69,877.59, however they failed to provide proof of membership of the trade association, the Legionella Control Association, as specified in the tender document thus failing to show acceptable competency in the field of water management. Ion Water Management have met all the criteria specified within the tender document.
- 7.2** The Committee is invited to approve the awarding of the contract to Ion Water and Environmental Management Ltd, in the amount of £71,860.50 this contractor having met all the requirements of the tender conditions.

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Appendices: Form ST/1 - Statements of Tenders Received and notes

Background Papers: None

Ward Affected: All