TENDERING COMMITTEE

At a Meeting of the Tendering Committee held in the Council Chambers, Clydebank Town Hall, Dumbarton Road, Clydebank on Wednesday, 5 January 2005 at 9.15a.m.

Present: Provost Alistair Macdonald and Councillors Denis Agnew*, Tony

Devine, Jack Duffy and Duncan McDonald*.

Attending: Gerry McInerney, Director of Corporate Services; Frank Newall, Head Service, Schools' Estate and Shona Barton, Administrative Assistant.

* Attended later in the meeting

Councillor Tony Devine in the Chair

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The Minutes of Meeting of the Committee held on 24 November 2004 were submitted and approved as a correct record.

AWARDING OF CONTRACT – EFFICIENT GOVERNMENT (STRATEGY DEVELOPMENT AND REVIEW OF COUNCIL TAX PROCEDURES)

- A report was submitted by the Director of Corporate Services advising of tenders received for the development of a strategy for the Council to address the Efficient Government agenda and to review the processes for council tax billing and collection.
- Having heard the Director of Corporate Services in further explanation and in answer to Members' questions, the Committee agreed:-
 - (1) to note the contents of the report; and
 - (2) to approve the awarding of the contract to PricewaterhouseCoopers in the amount of £60,000 (plus expenses limited to 5%) as the most economically advantageous tender.
- NOTE: Councillor Denis Agnew entered the meeting during discussion of the above item.

AWARDING OF CONTRACTS DURING THE PERIOD JUNE TO AUGUST 2003 (SUMMER RECESS)

- A report was submitted by the Director of Housing and Technical Services advising of a contract awarded under delegated authority during the period June to August 2003 which was omitted from the report to the Tendering Committee held on 19 November 2003.
- The Committee agreed to note the award of the contract for High Flats Pump, Storage Tank and Ventilation Maintenance to Kentallen Mechanical Services to the value of £151,785.

BUILDING OUR FUTURE: SCHOOLS' REGENERATION PROGRAMME – APPOINTMENT OF LEGAL ADVISERS

- A report was submitted by the Director of Education and Cultural Services:-
 - (a) advising on the outcome of the recent tendering process for the appointment of Legal Advisers for the Building Our Future: Schools' Regeneration Programme, and seeking to obtain authority to make the appropriate appointment in line with the previously identified evaluation criteria; and
 - (b) seeking delegated authority to enable the prompt issue of letters of acceptance for Technical and Financial Advisers.
- Having heard the Head of Children's Services in further explanation and in answer to Members' guestions, the Committee agreed:-
 - (1) that Shepherd & Wedderburn be confirmed as the Council's Legal advisers for the project and that the Director of Education and Cultural Services, in consultation with the Director of Corporate Services, be authorised to enter into the appropriate agreement as soon as reasonably practicable;
 - (2) to delegate authority to the Director of Education and Cultural Services in consultation with the Spokesperson for Education, the Chief Executive and the Director of Corporate Services to accept the most economically advantageous tenders received for Technical and Financial Advisers; and
 - (3) that any future approval of tenders relating to the Building Our Future: Schools' Regeneration Programme should, where possible, be made via submission to the Tendering Committee.

NOTE: Councillor Duncan McDonald entered the meeting during discussion of the above item.

The meeting closed at 9.22 a.m.