

**WEST DUNBARTONSHIRE COUNCIL**  
**Report by Executive Director of Corporate Services**

**Tendering Committee: 15 June 2010**

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**Subject: Tenders received regarding Contaminated Land Investigation work at the former Carless Oil Terminal, Old Kilpatrick.**

**1. Purpose of Report**

- 1.1** To advise the Committee of tenders received for site investigation works in terms of contaminated land at the former Carless Oil Terminal, Old Kilpatrick, and to seek approval to accept the most appropriate tender.

**2. Background**

- 2.1** Tender process was commenced in March 2010 and twelve tender submissions were received.
- 2.2** The former Carless Oil Refinery occupies approximately 13ha of level ground on the north bank of the River Clyde in Old Kilpatrick. Oil refining operations ceased in 1992 with only the flooded tank bunds, site interceptor and tanker jetty remaining in-situ. The site is currently vacant/derelict land however the site is a popular spot for dog walkers etc. The site is bounded to the north by the Forth & Clyde canal beyond which lies Dumbarton Rd. Commercial units and a bonded warehouse occupy the land to the east and additional commercial units occupy the land adjacent to the west.
- 2.3** While historical records show that this site has been subject to a number of different ownerships the main focus of the operations have involved the use or manufacturing of a variety of hydrocarbon products. By the 1980's, the entire site was eventually utilised as a refinery, with the most recent being the refining of Venezuelan crude distillate.
- 2.4** West Dunbartonshire Council formally identified the entire site as Part IIA contaminated land in 2003 and following a lengthy debate between West Dunbartonshire Council and the Scottish Environment Protection Agency (SEPA), in 2006 Scottish Ministers decided that the site should be subject to dual regulation with the central portion of the site identified as a special site.

### **3. Main Issues**

#### **3.1 Aims of proposed site investigation**

- Characterise further the significant pollutant linkages referred to in our record of determination.
- More specifically, to investigate the identified pathways as detailed in our record of determination
- To investigate the sources that are referred to in our record of determination and any other that are felt necessary following the review of information.

Obtaining this information will assist both the Council and SEPA ensure the site is remediated by the appropriate persons. The cost of the investigations will be shared equally between West Dunbartonshire Council and SEPA.

### **4. People Implications**

#### **4.1 There are no people implications.**

### **5. Financial Implications**

The twelve tenders received were assessed in accordance with Environmental Health section and SEPA's evaluation system. The following organisations were the top four evaluated; RPS scored 82 points out of 125; Envirocentre scored 85 points; ERS scored 87.5 and Parsons Brickerhoff scored 106. Both the Environmental Health section and SEPA independently reviewed the tender submissions and following evaluation, agreed that Parsons Brickerhoff at £57, 843.73 be the preferred contractor. The prices received varied from £29,995.50 to £67,825.00.

#### **5.2 The cost of the investigations will be shared equally between West Dunbartonshire Council and SEPA.**

#### **5.3 The works will be funded from the contaminated land capital budget for 2010/11.**

## **6. Risk Analysis**

- 6.1** Without the proposed works the site cannot be progressed by the Environmental Health section and SEPA as further information is required to enable further action to be taken to ensure the site is remediated and does not pose significant harm to the environment. The Council may also fail to fulfil its statutory obligations in terms of the Environmental Protection Act 1990.

## **7. Equalities Impact**

- 7.1** No significant issues were identified in a screening for potential equality impact of this report.

## **8. Conclusions and Recommendations**

- 8.1** The proposed project will investigate a large area of contaminated land to assist the Council and SEPA in determining who is responsible for the remediation of the site. The investigations may recommend further work that may be required.
- 8.2** Following a detailed quality / price analysis of the quotations received a preferred contactor has been identified.
- 8.3** The Committee is invited to approve the awarding of the contract to Parsons Brickerhoff Ltd for the amount of £57,843.73.

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**Appendix:** None

**Background Papers:** None

**Wards Affected:** Ward 6 Clydebank Waterfront