

WEST DUNBARTONSHIRE COUNCIL

Report by Executive Director of Housing, Environmental and Economic Development

Tendering Committee: 15 June 2010

**Subject: WDC WOODLANDS – WOODS IN and AROUND TOWNS (WIAT)
APPLICATION**

1. Purpose

- 1.1** To advise the Committee of tenders received for the WDC Woodlands – Woods In and Around Towns (WIAT) Application project and to seek approval to accept the lowest tender.

2. Background

- 2.1** Tenders for the project were received on 23 March 2010 from three contractors.

3. Main Issues

- 3.1** The work comprises the provision of new paths, upgrading existing paths, provision of new foot bridges, clearing of invasive plant species, and general provision of fittings and sign posts, to the following woodlands:-

Pappertwell Woodland, Bonhill
Overtoun Estate, Dumbarton
The Saltings, Old Kilpatrick
Lusset Glen, Old Kilpatrick
Auchentoshan Wood, Clydebank
Auchencraig & Edinbarnet, Clydebank

4. Personnel Issues

- 4.1** Design and Quantity Surveying services are being carried out in-house by the Architectural Services Section of Housing, Environmental and Economic Development.
- 4.2** CDM Regulations compliance is being undertaken by Brian Byrne Associates who were appointed to act as CDM Coordinator for the Council.

5. Financial Implications

- 5.1** The three lowest tenders have been checked arithmetically and represent good value by current pricing levels. Adjustments have been made where appropriate in accordance with the code of tendering procedure (see Appendix 1 - Statement of Tenders Received).

5.2 The tender price of £211,759 can be funded as follows:-

Forestry Commission Grant of £158,819.25
Match funding by WDC of £ 52,939.75

The WDC match funding can be provided from the Access Improvements Budget and the Dumbarton Rural Signage Strategy Budget.

6. Risk Analysis

6.1 All risks have been fully considered in the contract documentation and appropriate measures will be incorporated in the construction phase health and safety plan for the project in accordance with the CDM Regulations 2007.

7 Equalities Impact

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

8 Conclusions & Officers' Recommendations

8.1 As well as improving public access and amenity, this work will enhance biodiversity through the creation and improvement of wildlife habitats and the removal of non-native vegetation. The works included in this contract are in accord with the Council's key priority of creating a better environment.

8.2 The Committee is invited to approve the awarding of the contract to UPM Tilhill in the amount of £211,759.00.

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Appendices: Form ST/1 - Statement of Tenders Received

Background Papers: None

Ward Affected: 2, 3, 4, 5 & 6