

## **WEST DUNBARTONSHIRE COUNCIL**

### **Report by Executive Director of Housing, Environmental and Economic Development**

**Tendering Committee - 19 January 2011**

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**Subject: Alexandria Station Park and Ride, Alexandria.**

#### **1. Purpose**

- 1.1** To seek delegated authority from the Committee to appoint the most recent lowest tenderer on a similar project and a specialist sub contractor to undertake works in association with the above project in the event that due to other pressures, the work cannot be undertaken by Roads Operations by 31 March 2011.

#### **2. Background**

- 2.1** Council, in partnership with SPT have been providing extended or new Park and Ride facilities at various locations throughout the Council area (5 sites in Dumbarton, 3 sites in Clydebank). These projects have all been successfully delivered within the budget and timescales required by SPT.
- 2.2** The project was submitted for inclusion in 2011/2012 programme, as priority 1 in our Category 1 projects.
- 2.3** Due to our previous success in project delivery SPT advised on 23 December 2010 that approval in principle has been granted subject to the project being completed this financial year.

#### **3. Main Issues**

- 3.1** It was originally envisaged that this scheme would be developed and delivered in financial year 2011/2012 by using our in-house contractor Roads Operations for the construction works and a tendering procedure for CCTV procurement – the scheme value is estimated at £50k construction/ £20k CCTV.
- 3.2** The SPT request to bring this project forward and the current weather conditions has resulted in this posing a significant risk to achieving the delivery of this project in the required time scale, if the in house team were unable to complete the work within the timescale.

**3.3** Delegated authority to appoint the lowest or if unavailable the next lowest tenderer from the most recent SPT Park and Ride (Drumry Park and Ride – approved and completed this financial year) is being sought on the basis that we intend to deliver the project within the specified time frame for completion (31 March 2011). This approach has been suggested by the Council’s Legal Department following discussion. It should be noted however that this route will only be pursued should the Roads Operations team be unable to complete the work.

**4. People Implications**

**4.1** There are no people implications in pursuing the recommendation.

**5. Financial Implications**

**5.1** If Committee grants delegated authority, the lowest tenderer will be appointed and instructed to commence and complete works within the required time scale.

**6. Risk Analysis**

**6.1** Failure to appoint a contractor in this fashion will result in the project not being delivered this financial year and the likely loss of funding from SPT to support this or other projects in the next financial year.

**7. Equalities Impact**

**7.1** No significant issues were identified.

**8. Conclusions and Recommendations**

**8.1** The proposed improvements will make a significant improvement to the current facility and should encourage an increased usage of the car park with the associated benefits in reduced congestion /carbon emissions and other Council objectives.

**8.2** The Committee is requested to delegate the appointment of a contractor to the Executive Director of Housing, Environmental and Economic Development to undertake the necessary works to deliver the proposal if the Roads Operations team are unable to complete the works by 31 March 2011 due to other demands.

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**Date: 20 December 2010**

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**Appendices:** None

**Background Papers:** None

**Wards Affected:** 1