

REPORT TO: EDUCATION COMMITTEE - 19 February 2007

REPORT ON: SUPPLY OF SPECIALIST MINIBUSES FOR KINGSPARK SCHOOL

REPORT BY: DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION

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1.0 PURPOSE OF REPORT

1.1 This report seeks approval to accept the offers for the supply of two specialist minibuses for Kingspark School.

2.0 RECOMMENDATIONS

2.1 It is recommended that the Education Committee award the purchase of two specialist minibuses for Kingspark School to A M Phillip Ltd, Forfar for the total amount of £48,580

3.0 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

3.1 The Depute Chief Executive (Finance) has stated that this expenditure can be met from the Education Capital Programme; £24,290 in 2006/2007 and £24,290 in 2007/2008.

4.0 SUSTAINABILITY POLICY

4.1 There are no sustainability policy implications.

5.0 EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES IMPLICATIONS

5.1 There are no equal opportunities implications

6.0 BACKGROUND

6.1 The purchase of the specialist minibuses is to replace vehicles which are becoming beyond economical repair.

6.2 Reference is made to Article V1 of the meeting of this Committee of 12th November 2004 where it was:-

a) agreed the purchase of two Ford Transit Specialist Minibuses from A M Phillip at a cost of £24,090 each in preference to a LDV Convoy Specialist Minibus from Mutch Tayside at a cost of £23,850 each (both excluding an allowance of £550 for Dundee City Council livery).

b) noted the Council's motor assessors comments that he considered the Ford Transit would in the long term offer better value,

and

c) noted that the Ford Transit model was similar and favoured to earlier vehicles purchased for Kingspark minibus fleet and was favoured by the Education Department drivers.

6.3 A M Philip Ltd have submitted an offer for the immediate supply of a Ford Transit specialist 13 seater minibus, complete with passenger heater, provision of wheelchair ramp and wheelchair fittings for the amount of £24,290. A M Philip have also submitted an offer for the supply of an additional specialist minibus to the same specification, early during 2007/2008 for £24,290.

7.0 CONSULTATION

7.1 The Chief Executive, the Depute Chief Executive (Finance) and the Depute Chief Executive (Support Services) have been consulted in the preparation of this report.

8.0 BACKGROUND PAPERS

8.1 None.

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