

REPORT TO: Housing Committee

REPORT ON: New Housing Partnerships – Citywide Study –
Appointment of Consultants to undertake the Property Risk
Assessment Study and the Financial Appraisal Phase 2 Study

REPORT BY: Director of Housing

REPORT NO.: 146-2001

1. **PURPOSE OF REPORT**

The Director of Housing, on behalf of the City Council, requests authority to appoint consultants to undertake the Property Risk Assessment Study and the Financial Appraisal Phase 2 Study.

These studies are part of an ongoing city wide investigation into the future financial viability of Dundee's Council housing, funded by the Scottish Executive as part of the New Housing Partnership initiative.

2. **RECOMMENDATIONS**

- 2.1. That the Council agrees to appoint W.A. Fairhurst & Partners to undertake the Property Risk Assessment Study.
- 2.2. That the Council agrees to appoint D.T.Z. Piedad consulting to undertake the Financial Appraisal Phase 2 Study.

3. **FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

- 3.1. The Property Risk Assessment Study will cost £150,000 and will be funded from Dundee City Council's New Housing Partnership funding award for 2000/2001.
- 3.2. The Financial Appraisal Study will cost £60,000 and will be funded from Dundee City Council's New Housing Partnership funding award for 2000/2001.

4. **LOCAL AGENDA 21 IMPLICATIONS**

These proposals seek to ensure that:

- Resources are used efficiently and waste is minimised.

5. **EQUAL OPPORTUNITY IMPLICATIONS**

None.

6. BACKGROUND

- 6.1. Upon completion of the Stock Condition Survey, Valuation and Financial Appraisal, the Housing Committee of 17 April 2000 remitted the Director of Housing to undertake the Property Risk Assessment Study and Financial Appraisal Study Phase 2.
- 6.2. Article IX of the minute of the Housing Committee of 15 January 2001, remitted to the Director of Housing to expand the additional £139,250 of the New Housing Partnership monies to enable the completion of the Property Risk Assessment Study and Financial Appraisal Study Phase 2.
- 6.3. W.H. Fairhurst and Partners were selected to undertake the Property Risk Assessment Study after D.C.C. had carried out a competitive tendering and interviewing process.
- 6.4. D.T.Z. Piedad were selected to undertake the Financial Appraisal Phase 2 after the Best Value of their bid had been demonstrated to both D.C.C. and the Scottish Executive in compliance with the Housing Committee remit of 17 April 2000.

7. IMPACT/RISKS FOR THE COUNCIL

None.

8. CONSULTATION

Via the Citywide Financial Appraisal Working Group, the Chief Executive, Director of Support Services, Director of Finance, DFTA, the Trade Unions and Elected Members have been consulted on the content of this report.

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DIRECTOR OF HOUSING

Signature: _____

Date: _____

BACKGROUND PAPERS

Report to 260/2000 Housing Committee – 17 April 2000.
Article IX of the minute of the meeting of the Housing Committee of 15 January 2001.