

**REPORT TO: EDUCATION COMMITTEE - 9 JUNE 2008**

**REPORT ON: EDUCATION TRANSPORT CONTRACTS - CONVEYANCE OF SCHOLARS**

**REPORT BY: DIRECTOR OF PLANNING & TRANSPORTATION/DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION**

**REPORT NO: 306-2008**

## **1 PURPOSE OF REPORT**

1.1 To report to Committee tenders for the conveyance of scholars.

## **2 RECOMMENDATION**

2.1 It is recommended that the Committee approve the tenders detailed in Appendix 1.

## **3 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

3.1 The cost of awarding the contracts (Appendix 1) will result in expenditure of £92,910.00 during the academic session 2008/2009 which can be met from the Education Revenue Budget 2008/2009 and the Provisional Education Revenue Budget 2009/2010.

## **4 BACKGROUND**

4.1 Education Transport is co-ordinated between the Education Department and Planning and Transportation Department with the Transport Team administering the school transport provision for entitled scholars as required under the Transport Act 1985 (63) (3A).

4.2 The Sustainable Transport Team issue school contracts on a three year cycle to benefit from best value in terms of vehicle availability, vehicle quality and stability. The tender exercise conducted in 2008 was to formally tender contracts which had been entered into on a verbal tender basis through the course of the last academic session or to meet the needs of newly entitled children.

4.3 Where the lowest tender has not been accepted a full explanation is provided in Appendix 2 of the report.

## **5 POLICY IMPLICATIONS**

5.1 This Report has been screened for any policy implications in respect of Sustainability, Strategic Environmental Assessment, Anti-Poverty, Equality Impact Assessment and Risk Management.

5.2 The major issues identified are that through efficient tendering procedures the Council are able to minimise the number of vehicles required to fulfil our statutory requirement to provide home to school transport for scholars entitled to free school transport.

## **6 CONSULTATIONS**

6.1 The Chief Executive, Depute Chief Executive (Support Services), Depute Chief Executive (Finance), Head of Finance and Assistant Chief Executive (Community Planning) have been consulted and are in agreement with the contents of this report.

**7 BACKGROUND PAPERS**

7.1 Report Number 388-2006.

7.2 Report Number 403-2007.

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## Appendix 1

## Education Transport Tender 2008/2009

Contract Number	Company	Price	Recommendation	Notes
DSP/114	<b>Airport Travel Dundee</b> Thistle Coaches	<b>£85.00</b> £90.00	<b>Accept Airport Travel Dundee</b>	<b>See Note 1</b>
DSP/121	<b>Airport Travel Dundee</b> PCT Thistle Coaches	<b>£100.00</b> £143.78 £110.00	<b>See Combined Bids</b>	<b>See Note 2</b>
DSP/142	<b>Alfra Ltd</b> Tele Taxis (Dundee) Ltd	<b>£40.00</b> £70.00	<b>Accept Alfra Ltd</b>	
DSP/143	Dundee 505050 Ltd Dundee Private Hire Ltd <b>Skycabs Direct Ltd</b> Tay Taxis Ltd Tele Taxis (Dundee) Ltd	£20.00 £24.00 <b>£16.00</b> £24.00 £30.00	<b>Accept Skycabs Direct Ltd</b>	
DSP/149	Airport Travel Dundee PCT <b>Thistle Coaches</b>	£95.00 £148.75 <b>£96.00</b>	<b>Accept Thistle Coaches</b>	<b>See Note 1</b>
DSP/150	Dundee 505050 Ltd <b>Dundee Private Hire Ltd</b> Tay Taxis Ltd Tele Taxis (Dundee) Ltd	£58.00 <b>£50.00</b> £55.00 £60.00	<b>Accept Dundee Private Hire Ltd</b>	
DSP/151	<b>Paul Angus</b> Dundee 505050 Ltd Skycabs Direct Ltd Tay Taxis Ltd Tele Taxis (Dundee) Ltd	<b>£18.00</b> £24.00 £18.00 £26.00 £30.00	<b>Accept Paul Angus</b>	<b>See Note 3</b>
DDE/25	Dundee 505050 Ltd <b>Galaxy Travel</b> Henry John Cruickshank James Petrie Tay Taxis Ltd Tele Taxis (Dundee) Ltd	£41.00 <b>£26.00</b> £40.00 £48.00 £40.00 £42.00	<b>Accept Galaxy Travel</b>	
XDA/1	<b>Airport Travel Dundee</b> Dundee 505050 Ltd Port 2 Port Minibus Service Frank Sloan Taxi Hire Tele Taxis (Dundee) Ltd Thistle Coaches	<b>£58.00</b> £110.00 £84.00 £65.00 £100.00 £60.00	<b>Accept Airport Travel Dundee</b>	
Spectrum/Kingspark	<b>Airport Travel Dundee</b> Sidlaw Executive Travel Tele Taxis (Dundee) Ltd	£0.00 £12.00 £25.00	<b>See Combined Bids</b>	<b>See Note 2</b>
<b>COMBINED BIDS</b>				
DSP/121 & Spectrum/Kingspark	<b>Airport Travel Dundee</b>	<b>£100.00</b>	<b>Accept Airport Travel Dundee</b>	<b>See Note 2</b>
DSP/36 & Spectrum/Kingspark	Sidlaw Executive Travel	£86.01		

**Appendix 2****Notes Regarding Tendering Contracts 2008/2009****Note 1**

Although not the lowest tenderer Thistle Coaches was awarded this contract as the lowest tenderer had no available vehicles.

**Note 2**

Sidlaw Executive Travel's tender combines Spectrum/Kingspark with their current contract DSP/36. However, there is not enough spare capacity on the vehicle to accommodate all the pupils expected to attend Spectrum.

**Note 3**

Although Paul Angus and Skycabs Direct Ltd submitted the same tender price, Paul Angus was awarded this contract as Skycabs Direct Ltd had no available vehicles.