

REPORT TO: RECESS SUB-COMMITTEE – 16 JULY 2007

REPORT ON: INVITATION TO TENDER FOR THE SUPPLY OF SMARTCARD READERS

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1 PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1** To seek Committee approval for the acceptance of the recommended tender for smartcard readers on behalf of the National Entitlement Card programme.

2 RECOMMENDATIONS

The Committee is recommended to:

- i) Approve acceptance of the Tender CE/07/1 amounting to £214,807.50 from Gemini 2000 Ltd for the purchase of smartcard readers.

3 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 3.1** There are no financial implications for Dundee City Council. This report is submitted in accordance with Dundee City Council's role as lead Council for the National Entitlement Card programme and is submitted in the spirit of open and transparent public sector procurement.
- 3.2** The full capital cost amounting to £214,807.50 will be met from the Scottish Executive's "Customer First" budget.
- 3.3** Any recurring annual maintenance costs will be borne by those Scottish Councils purchasing readers under this framework agreement.

4 SUSTAINABILITY POLICY IMPLICATIONS

None

5 EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES IMPLICATIONS

None

6 MAIN TEXT

- 6.1** The Scottish Executive's Customer First programme is managed by the service delivery arm of the Improvement Service. Dundee City Council acts as the lead agency for the Entitlement Card element of the scheme and is fully

funded to manage the scheme on behalf of the Scottish Executive, Scottish Councils and other public sector bodies.

6.2 This procurement is intended to establish an agreement to enable the call off of smart card readers / writers by Councils over the next 2 years.

6.3 Six companies responded to the Invitation to Tender, details as follows:

No.	Company	Cost
1.	Gladstone MRM	£49,200.00 incomplete
2.	ERS	£96,224.90
3.	CJS	£171,382.00
4.	Scheidt & Bachman	£4,635,000.00
5.	Computype	£1,232,384.00
6.	Gemini 2000 Ltd	£214,807.50

Of the six firms tendering several included additional unquantifiable costs and/or deficiencies in required functionality. The most advantageous tender following a like for like adjustment for functionality, quality, delivery, cost and added value to the programme is Gemini 2000 Ltd.

7 CONSULTATION

The Chief Executive, Depute Chief Executive (Support Services) and Depute Chief Executive (Finance) have been fully consulted in the preparation of this report and are in full agreement with its proposals.

8 BACKGROUND PAPERS

None

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