

REPORT TO: Housing, Dundee Contract Services and Environment Services Committee – 14th September, 2009

REPORT ON: Supply of Specialist Grounds Maintenance Plant

REPORT BY: Director of Contract Services

REPORT NO.: 429-2009

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

1.1 To authorise the purchase of new specialist grounds maintenance plant required by the Contract Services Department.

2. RECOMMENDATIONS

2.1 It is recommended that the Committee agree to accept the offers as indicated in Appendix A.

3. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

3.1 The Head of Finance has confirmed that funding for the proposed purchases is available from allowances within Contract Services Department's Capital Plan for 2009/2010.

4. MAIN TEXT

4.1 As part of an ongoing review of operational plant and equipment, two specialist items of plant have been identified which will provide greater operational efficiency to the work of the Land Services Division. As these items are specialist in nature, negotiations have been undertaken with the respective suppliers to ensure value for money is achieved.

4.2 Details of the negotiated offers are included within Appendix A along with details of the background and justification for the proposed purchases.

5. POLICY IMPLICATIONS

5.1 The 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:-

- i) each prospective supplier has been assessed to ensure their business complies with the Race Relations Act 1975.
- ii) in each case all engines fitted meet or exceed legislative requirements regarding exhaust gas emissions and noise pollution.

- iii) each item will be subject to regular maintenance and testing throughout its operational life to ensure compliance with standards set.

6. CONSULTATION

- 6.1 The Chief Executive, Depute Chief Executive (Finance), the Depute Chief Executive (Support Services) and Head of Finance have been consulted on the preparation of this report.

7. BACKGROUND PAPERS

- 7.1 None.

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Date: 24th August, 2009

Appendix A

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Supply of Specialist Grounds Maintenance Plant

<u>Item</u>	<u>Supplier</u>	<u>Make/Model</u>	<u>Cost</u>	<u>Background</u>
Specialist Forestry Trailer	J.P. Wilson	Botex 560TL	£11,500	The existing forestry trailer is approaching the end of its serviceable life and requires to be replaced. The specialist supplier has offered an attractive discount on the cost of a new trailer as a trade-in on the existing.
Radio Controlled Rotary Mower	Fairways	Ransomes RA SP11W	£5,500	Remote controlled rotary mowers are being used as part of a pilot in the cutting of grass on embankments. In order to ensure sufficient back-up to cover breakdowns it has been agreed to purchase a third machine. The specialist supplier has offered for sale an ex-demonstration model with a negotiated discount of 66% below normal retail price.