

**REPORT TO: PLANNING & TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE
27 JANUARY 2003**

REPORT ON: PUBLIC TRANSPORT INFORMATION SYSTEM – REPORT ON TENDERS

REPORT BY: DIRECTOR OF PLANNING & TRANSPORTATION

REPORT NO: 43-2003

1 PURPOSE OF REPORT

1.1 This report details a tender received and requests a decision on acceptance thereof.

2 RECOMMENDATIONS

2.1 Approval is recommended of the acceptance of the tender submitted by the undernoted contractor:

Project Reference/Project Description	Contractor	Tender Amount
P2001 – Public Transport Information System (PTIS)	Steer Davies Gleave	£919,367

3 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

3.1 The cost of the above project will be met in full from the Scottish Public Transport Fund allocation.

4 LOCAL AGENDA 21 IMPLICATIONS

4.1 The aims of Local Agenda 21 will be taken into consideration throughout the 'Bringing Confidence into Public Transport' project. The components of the PTIS are aimed at informing the public of their transport choices and encouraging modes of transport other than the car and as such, will contribute to the protection of Dundee's environment.

5 EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES IMPLICATIONS

5.1 The City Council acknowledges the dominance of the private car within its transport network. The promotion of public transport by measures included within this report aims to move towards redressing the balance of large numbers of the city's population who do not have access to the private car or who choose to undertake travel by other means.

6 BACKGROUND

6.1 Committee Report No 384-2001 approved at Planning and Transportation Committee on 25 June 2001 detailed a bid for funding to the Scottish Executive from their Public Transport Fund for improvements to public transport passenger waiting facilities in the City Centre and at Ninewells Hospital and for a 'step change' in information provision. The project is titled 'Bringing Confidence into Public Transport' and was successful in gaining £2.31 million from the PTF.

- 6.2 A key element of the project is a 'step change' in information provision utilising a Public Transport Information System and this report details tenders received for this element of the project.
- 6.3 The Public Transport Information System will be centred around the development of a bespoke map based interactive journey planning facility for Dundee utilising internet technology.
- 6.4 The journey planner will be made available to the public through a number of sources including interactive information terminals sited at various locations within the city centre and at strategic venues throughout the city, as well as being available through the Council's website.
- 6.5 The interactive terminals will provide a number of ways of selecting journey origins and destinations, including map displays, postcode entry, selecting major geographical destinations and special locations such as sporting and leisure venues and combinations of each.
- 6.6 In addition to providing public transport journey planning, bus routing and timetable information, the map based system will contain a facility to display other information under such headings as tourism, hotel/restaurant details, ward maps of Ninewells Hospital, public buildings (opening times) and general traffic information.
- 6.7 In addition to the journey planning facility, timetable information for individual bus stops will be accessed through SMS text messages on mobile phones. Electronic information display signs located at appropriate locations in the city centre and Ninewells Hospital will also display timetable information for bus services to the public.

7 TENDER INFORMATION

7.1 Tenders

Tenders were issued to six companies but four withdrew during the tender period. The two tenders returned are detailed below:

- 1 Atkins Transport Ltd
- 2 Steer Davies Gleave

Summary of Assessment

Tenderer No	Quality Mark	Indexed Quality Mark	Financial 'Score' (£)	Financial Index	Overall Score
1	75	97	1,243,182	74	93
2	77	100	919,367	100	100

Notes:

- Tenders assessed on an 80% quality and 20% price format
- Indices rounded to nearest whole number.
- Overall score = [(Indexed Quality Mark) x 0.8] + [Financial Index) x 0.2]
- Award to highest overall score

8 CONSULTATIONS

- 8.1 The Chief Executive, Director of Finance, Director of Support Services and the Director of Corporate Planning have been consulted and are in agreement with the contents of this report.

9 BACKGROUND PAPERS

- 9.1 Committee Report No 384-2001 to Planning & Transportation Committee 25 June 2001, Public Transport Fund Bid 2001-03.

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